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On the Street

HAVE just returned from several days' stay in Austin," remarked W. W. Boyd, who was an applicant for the position of game, fish and oyster commissioner. "Things are lively down in Austin; lot of politicians are there, and the atmosphere is full of all sorts of rumors. Yes, there were several aspirers after places." Mr. Boyd was commissioner of the game department when Neff was chief executive, and when Mr. Moody came in the hundreds of friends of Mr. Boyd thru-out the state solicited him to apply for the place.

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JIM MECASKEY, land dealer and cattleman from the great Plains country, has been visiting homefolks and friends here for several days. Asked about conditions in that section, Mr. Mecaskey said the oil booms in the sections near his holdings are making all lines of business look up. "Land prices are going up by leaps and bounds; suppose the purchasers think we have an ocean of oil up there. Strangers are coming in daily, and the prediction is made that when spring opens, and the weather is so a fellow can get about, a boom of big proportions will be staged all over the plains," he said. Mr. Mecaskey is an extensive dealer in cattle and ranches, and he is a strong believer in that country. His headquarters are near Hereford.

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ARTICLE in the Messenger of last week, stating that Shaw Brothers of Fort Worth were contemplating the locating of a plant in Decatur, created a deal of comment of agitation among certain of our Decatur people," stated a dairyman, attending the called meeting of the organization in the Odd Fellows hall here Monday. The dairyman was addressing a representative of the Messenger, who had drifted in with the crowd. Continuing, the farmer said, "What was the cause of this agitation, Messenger Man?" M. Man replied that he knew not, and the farmer took up his line: "We dairymen are of the opinion that we are not getting a square deal, and the meeting here is for the purpose of endeavoring to right this wrong. You will notice that there are a considerable number of us, and see they are still coming. But, back to the agitation that was created by that little item in the Messenger about another concern coming into Decatur with a plant. And, you say you know nothing of the excitement created in some quarters by the announcement? Well, I believe we get it straight; a decided flurry was caused by that little piece. It was good news to us, and we hope something comes of it. We need an ice plant here, as it is, we are helpless. It is all mighty fine for the boosters to go out about the greatest ice shipping station in the world being located in Decatur, and the articles appearing in the Messenger about the amount of milk and cream being shipped sound fine, and all that. But what about the men, women and girls who are up at three o'clock every morning, rain or fair weather, in blizzard and snow, to tend the milking? What about us when feed is sky high and our products are cut in price? A nice living—but, it is heralded to the world that the community, on account of the dairying industry, is prosperous. Who's getting this prosperity, pray tell me? Suppose there has been a million lines published in the Messenger boosting and lauding the Dallas concern that buys our products. How many lines have been written and published in behalf of the men, women and children who are working their hearts out and hoping that a change for the better will be coming to them—when real prices are paid them for their labor and products. If an agent for the Dallas concern is supplying the Messenger with those articles, we would suggest that he wise himself up to the true conditions."

Club Boys and Girls to Attend Fat Stock Show

Girls and boys from practically every county in Texas who are members of the home demonstration and agricultural clubs will attend the big Southwestern Exposition & Fat Stock Show this year in Fort Worth. Close to three thousand are being prepared for, W. W. Bridges, agricultural agent of the exposition, announces.

Wise county boys and girls attended last year's event in good numbers, and this year will be no exception. Many club members will exhibit live stock and other exhibits to the exposition.

An individual electric power plant consisting of a small generator, spring driven, supplies sufficient current to operate a light bulb. Ten seconds of cranking by hand produces three minutes of light.

SENATE FAVORS LAKE PROJECTS IN THIS SECTION

Upper House Votes for Remitting Taxes in Water District

Advocates of flood control won a victory in the senate in Austin Tuesday when two bills, providing for the remission of a portion of the taxes in Tarrant and Dallas counties were passed. The vote on each bill was 20 to 8.

Action was considered important, as a number of similar bills from other counties have been submitted, or are taking form. The bills passed Tuesday and sent to the house authorize the Tarrant county flood control district and levee districts in Dallas county to issue bonds and incur indebtedness for the purpose of controling flood waters of the Trinity river and release the residents of such district from a portion of the state ad valorem tax, for a period of twenty-five years.

Bonds must be issued, or some other form of indebtedness contracted, for the purpose before October 27th of this year to make the law effective.

The project, as outlined by Senator R. A. Stuart of Fort Worth, contemplates the erection of a dam fifty miles north of Fort Worth, and another in Jack and Wise counties above Fort Worth for the retention of flood water, which can be released during periods when the river is at a low stage. Senator Stuart said that the proposal would "make the river wet when it is dry and dry when it is wet."

Arguments on the bills consumed almost the whole session, opponents of the measures denouncing them as unsound and precedents and as improper legislation for obtaining relief sought. In the course of the arguments Senators Stuart and Ward of Cleburne declared that the measure would help the river valley below Dallas and Fort Worth, and said that some of the most valuable business property in the two cities is menaced by the flood waters of the river.

Senator Ward declared that Jack, Wise, Archer, Tarrant, Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Navarro, Henderson, Freestone, Anderson, Leon, Houston, Polk, Madison, Trinity, Walker, San Jacinto, Liberty and Chambers counties would benefit from the bill, and Senator Stuart said that those immediately below Dallas and Fort Worth would see their flood conditions improve at least fifty per cent, while those on down the valley would enjoy an improvement of approximately twenty-five per cent in their over-flow problems.

Senators Price and McFarlane were the chief opponents of the measure. The Tarrant county bill passed first and the bill relating to Dallas county then went thru without argument. A similar bill concerning somewhat the same conditions in Starr county was laid on the table until amendments could be prepared.

The library of congress has a collection of music and musical composition of more than one million items. It is the second largest in the world.

Expert on Poultry to Talk in Wise County

With exception of naming the positive date, arrangements have been completed for a meeting to be held in Decatur by Prof. W. H. Lapp, one of the distinguished poultrymen of the nation. The date will be some time soon after March 11th, and is to be confirmed by Prof. Lapp, whose headquarters are in Chicago. Prof. Lapp is director of the research and development department of the Live Poultry Transit Company, and an outstanding expert in all phases of poultry raising and packing for shipment. So far as known he will have but two dates in North Texas, one at Graham in addition to the appointment at Decatur.

Prof. Lapp will come to Decatur at the solicitation of W. C. Milligan of the Decatur Ice Company and Decatur Chamber of commerce, which will sponsor the meeting to be held with Wise county poultrymen.

As soon as the actual date is known it will be announced and plans made for holding one of the greatest poultry and turkey raising conventions ever held in the county.

STEVE A. LILLARD JR. IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

As Messenger goes to press, word comes from a Dallas sanitarium that Steve A. Lillard Jr. is in a critical condition. Suffering from injuries he received in a car wreck in Mason county, about a month ago, while returning from a deer hunt, Mr. Lillard was taken from his home in Ranger to the Dallas hospital on Wednesday afternoon. Attending physicians, after a conference, issued a statement that the patient was too weak to stand an operation Wednesday night and it was postponed until shortly after noon Thursday. All the Lillard family and a number of friends from Decatur are with Steve, and his numerous friends turn to his old home town and county hope that he will pull thru with flying colors.

About one year ago Mr. Lillard and family moved to Ranger, where he engaged in the banking business. During the latter part of December, while returning from a deer hunt in Mason county with a party of friends, Steve was injured in a car accident, and the injury gradually grew worse; and on Tuesday a message from Ranger summoned his father and mother to his bed side. Wednesday he was taken to Dallas.

Later reports from the sanitarium to the Messenger state that the operation was not performed Thursday, and that Mr. Lillard was responding to treatment. The phisicians state that his condition is critical, and that an operation will be made as a last resort to save his life.

TWO LOST SEAT IN LEGISLATURE BRIBERY PROBE

Expelled Tuesday After Investigations By Committee

Two representatives were expelled from the house membership in the fortieth legislature on Tuesday by an over-whelming vote on charges of bribe taking and the house passed a resolution proposing further investigation of law-makers' and lobbyists' dealings.

Representatives E. A. Dale, lawyer of Benham, and H. H. Moore, farmer of Cooper, were ousted by votes of 133 to 4 and 129 to 11, respectively, on recommendation of an investigating committee that held open hearings, attended by most of the members of the house.

Dale and Moore were arrested last Wednesday night by Texas rangers on information supplied by Willis Chamberlain, Houst n optometrist, who said Dale solicited and accepted a thousand dollars to get an unfavorable house committee report on Moore's bill taxing optometrists and that Moore was involved in final closing of the deal. Rangers took a thousand dollars in marked bills off Dale near a hotel alley in Austin after he and Chamberlain had left Moore only a few minutes before.

Denton County Test to Be Started in Ten Days

Hurt & Harper Drilling Company is placing supplies and machinery on the ground at the Phillips-Bonar farm, one and one-half northwest of the town of Aubrey, and if weather continues favorable they expect to start drilling operations within the next ten days or two weeks.

Movement of the rig from Lone Oak, Hunt county, was started Wednesday.

Graham Man Is Made Legion Publicity Agent

Clyde Haden has been appointed as director of publicity of the American Legion for the counties of Willarger, Archer, Baylor, Cooke, Denton, Jack, Montague, Throckmorton, Young and Wise. Mr. Haden is from Graham.

Legion boys and newspaper men are urged to co-operate with Mr. Haden in giving due publicity to the activities of the legion in these counties. It is an honor without pay that has been placed upon Mr. Haden.

Thieves Escape from Stolen Car at Alvord

Two strangers, young men, stole the P. R. Baits Ford sedan on Monday night, and were making good their escape when halted by the night watchman at Alvord at about seven-thirty o'clock. Two shots from the pistol of the officer were necessary to make the thieves abandon the machine and take to the brush. The car was recovered, but the thieves made good their escape.

Ten minutes after the car was stolen the sheriff's department in Decatur was notified, and immediately officers at Alvord were told to be on the look out. When the car was seen driving thru the town Night Watchman McGaughey appeared on the scene and commanded the driver to stop. Instead of complying with the officer's order, the man at the wheel put on more gas and speeded up. Officer McGaughey then fired two shots, and the strangers jumped from the car and fled. The auto, running wild, bumped into a tree and came to a stand-still.

Deputy Sheriff George Young of Decatur brought the car to Decatur and returned it to Mr. Baits.

DAIRYMEN OF COUNTY PROTEST CUT ON MILK

A rousing meeting of the members of the Wise County Dairy Association was held in the I. O. O. F. hall on Monday afternoon, and ringing resolution, protesting against the recent reduction in the price of milk, posted by the Tennessee Dairies of Dallas, purchasers of the local milk supply, were adopted. A number of speeches were made, and some pointed remarks were indulged; and after the meeting a petition, asking the Tennessee Dairies to call off the reduction, was numerously signed.

A majority of the dairymen were out-spoken in their stand to seek another outlet for their milk, provided the Dallas company refused to accede to their demand. Others stated they would go out of the dairy business if the ruling price prevailed, claiming that with the increased price of feed the business would go into bankruptcy if they continued.

One speaker stated the Tennessee Dairies, with a complette monopoly of the business in this community, held the whip hand, and that the dairymen were helpless. Another member, who admitted that he had more than three thousand dollars invested in cows and dairy equipment, was up against a hard proposition, and that he did not know which way to turn. "With feed high, and the Tennessee Company making the cut in the price of milk, I see only an end of my efforts in the dairying business. Have been in about a year, and from the outlook a few months will wind me up," he said.

A number in the gathering suggested that an effort be made to invite a canning company to locate in Decatur, and the report that Shaw Brothers of Fort Worth, were contemplating coming here was discussed. A committee was appointed to solicit this company to put in a plant in Decatur.

Gypsies now swap motor cars instead of horses.

FARM COURSES BEING PLANNED FOR MARCH 1-4

Number of Specialists of State on Programs for Gatherings

Third series of all day farm meetings or farm short courses for Wise county have been arranged for by County Agent E. C. Jameson and Miss Alma Sims, home demonstration agent, with locations and dates as follows:

Tuesday, March 1st—Red Willow consolidated school, four miles northwest of Chico.

Wednesday, March 2nd—L. Goodger farm, about two miles northeast of Boyd.

Thursday, March 3rd—Ed Paschall farm, one mile east of Bridgeport on the Cuba road.

Friday, March 4th—C. C. McDaniel farm in Sycamore-Greenwood section.

A group of farm leaders and specialists from the A. & M. College, and probably M. B. Oates, agricultural agent of the Denver Road, will aid the county agents in conducting the programs. The college list of specialists has not yet been completed, but to date it is known that the following will be here: G. W. Orms, district agent; Miss Jennie Camp, district agent; M. R. Bentley, farm engineer in charge of terracing and other farm construction; J. L. Thomas, dairy specialist; J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist, inclusive of pecan work.

Subjects to be handled are indicated by the offices of the above specialists, but still other subjects and officials are to be added to the program.

The purpose is to give in each community a complete treatment of the major farm problems of interest.

The program in each community will last thru-out the day, from about ten until four o'clock. The noon meal will be provided by the people themselves bringing their own lunches. The meetings are to be looked forward to as very profitable days and deserve being generously attended by people of the county.

NEW HIGHWAY IN CLAY COUNTY IS OPENED UP

Recently the new concrete highway between Henrietta and Wichita Falls was opened to traffic, and reports are to the effect that it is one of the best sections of roadway in this part of the state. The building of this highway has connected Central and Northwest Texas.

Work on the remaining section of the highway in Clay county is under way, and within a few months it will be completed. Travel over the highway in Clay county has long been very slow, and the new highway is welcomed by those who frequent that section of the state.

With new surfacing of the Meridian Highway in the north part of Wise county and on thru Montague county to the Clay county line, it will make an almost perfect roadway to the Panhandle. Work on the highway in these two counties is being temporarily held up by an investigation into highway matters now being conducted in Austin, but it is generally believed the work will be started within the next few weeks.

Many Changes in Decatur and Wise County Since Town Was Established in Year 1857

Seventy years ago (1857), upreared upon the spot where Wise county's superb temple of justice now stands, was a strange and wierd and yet a beautiful sight. Piercing the blue sky was a tall, slender pole, from the top of which fluttered the stars and the stripes, the emblem and the glory of the nation. Beneath it and around it was silence and solitude. The tall, waving undipped and untrodden grass spread out in every direction, and gay flowers nodded and swayed in the breezes. Frightened to their covert by so strange a sight, the timid deer and antelope peered forth furtively and from their neighboring dens and recesses the wolves wailed a melancholy salutation. No human habitation was near to catch the whispings of the flag as these were borne out on the breezes, and no human being was present to explain the flag's mysterious presence.—Pioneer History of Wise County, by Cliff D. Cates.

The redoubtable man referred to in the foregoing paragraph was Colonel Absalom Bishop. The erection of the flag on the town site of Decatur was a romantic gesture in the first settlement of the county, first in the beginning of Decatur.

The territory which afterwards became Wise county was at that time by the people of the older settled districts of Eastern Texas from whence most of the immigrants came, esteemed and called a veritable "land of milk and honey."

It was called a land of milk and honey because its pristine richness had never been disturbed by the hand of man. "No human habitation was near," according to Bishop's experience and "no human being was present," to explain anything.

"With not a tree felled," writes Judge Peak, quoting again the county history, speaking of 1857, "and with every shrub and leaf and flower still bearing with scarcely a blade of tall grass missing, how grandly did it seem to the visitor." Small wonder that Wise county was then the land of milk and honey!

The first immigrants to Wise county came to raise cattle and sheep. They knew little of farming and cared less. They sought the lure of tall grass, of which there was "scarcely a blade missing."

Ensuing upon a few years subsequent to the civil war the reign of the cattle kingdom, with the long overland drives over the Chism trail and other to pioneer Kansas markets, came slowly to an end, and another regime was ushured in—the regime of the actual farmer. In the early seventies he arrived from the cotton plantations of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. He knew nothing of cattle raising on the western scale; he stood commited to the raising of cotton in pursuit of the mode of tradition, as this had been taught him in the states of the older south from whence he had embarked. He ante-dated the days of the advent of true agricultural science. He knew nothing of colleges; he knew nothing of legumes, artificial fertilizers, humus and the need of artificial suppliance

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THREE WILD-CATS FOR COUNTY IN SIXTY DAYS

Within the next sixty days at least three wild-cat wells will be drilling in Wise county, ex-Mayor J. E. Douglass of Decatur, who was here Friday in the interest of promoters for one of the wells, said. Two definite locations have been made, Douglass said, and it is thought the third can be made next week some time.

A well is to be drilled six miles east of Decatur by B. J. Chronic of Tulsa; a location for a well one-quarter mile west of the old Keystone location has been made; and the third location contemplated will be north of the Keystone location, the block joining the Keystone tract about a mile north of the well.

The Keystone well, which will be the third to be drilled on that block, is to be drilled by Barber & Caraway of Nocona, Douglass said. The contract calls for a 3,300 foot test. Oil showings were found in both of the Keystone wells, is was said, and much interest is being shown in the third.

The three wells will be in a direct line with the Leo well on the Fortenberry farm.—Dent n Record-Chronicle

JONAS KAISER NAMED GAME COMMISSIONER

Jonas Kaiser of Houston has been appointed state game, fish and oyster commissioner, to succeed T. E. Hubby of Waco, resigned. This position was sought by W. W. Boyd of Decatur, and it was believed that he had the place "cinched," but politics is said to have entered in selecting Mr. Hubby's successor, and when the contest became hot between Mr. Boyd and a former school-mate of Governor Dan Moody, a dark horse was suggested.

Mr. Boyd was game commissioner under Governor Pat Neff, and it is said that he made the best record ever turned in by a commissioner of that office.

Immediately following Mr. Mooty's nomination, the friends of Mr. Boyd became active in his behalf, and they were assured that the Decatur man would be selected. A short time ago a Williamson county boyhood friend of the governor made application for the place and, it is said, this placed Moody in an embarrassing position; and the Houston man was selected as a "compromise."

Mr. Boyd, who has been in Austin for several days, returned to Decatur Monday.

Moody to Be Endorsed as U. S. Vice President

Dan Moody will be endorsed for vice president on the national democratic ticket by the league of young democrats of Oklahoma, according to W. R. New, secretary of that organization. Mr. New strode into the governor's office with J. C. Clopton, former Oklahoman, to break the crust of formality to invite him to the convention of his organization in Ardmore on February 22nd. The governor would give him no definite answer, he said.

"We've had both the senate and the house pass a resolution inviting Moody to visit us. Ours is a young man's organization and Moody is a young governor. Our state is composed of Texans—two-thirds of our population coming from this state. We'd like to see Dan Moody step into national prominence and we want to start the ball rolling."

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:35 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Charles Davis was a week-end visitor in Sunset.

Ray Coleman of Fort Worth, was in Decatur Sunday.

A. Y. Leslie of Alvord, was in town on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Gus King of Henrietta, visited relatives here last week-end.

Glynn Reiger and wife of Sanger, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Heflin of Walters, Oklahoma, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Audrey Mae Carl of Fort Worth, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. F. R. Mack of Amarillo, is visiting her sister, Miss Ada Harding.

J. P. Boyd of Wichita Falls, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boyd, here Sunday.

George Hamilton of Martha, Oklahoma, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vandiver.

Mrs. Sam Graham of Temple, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vandiver.

Mrs. Paul Quinn of Sunset, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis here Friday.

Mrs. H. M. Helm and Miss Addie Hambright were in Arlington, Wednesday visiting friends.

Miss Maurice Mount of C. I. A. at Denton, was the week-end guest of Miss Annette McMordie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McCurdy returned to their home in Crosbyton Friday, after a visit with their son, Clyde McCurdy and family.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lackey of Tenaha, on Friday, February 4th, a daughter. Mrs. Lackey was before her marriage Miss Alta Jones of this place.

Mrs. W. W. Williams and grand daughter, Minnie Pearl Lovelace, left Tuesday for a week's visit in Ennis in home of Mrs. William's daughter, Mrs. A. L. Thomas.

A slow drizzling rain fell thruout Wise county, followed by sleet, Wednesday and Wednesday night. Farmers say a fine season has been put in the ground, but owing to the wet condition in the bottom lands plowing will be delayed for several weeks.

Marcellus E. Foster, veteran newspaper man of Houston, has just been appointed editor of the Houston press. Col. Foster is one of the best known writers of Texas, and with him at the helm of the Press, that section of the state can boast of one of the best edited publications of the south.

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No Ad Taken for Less Than 25c Week

FOR SALE

ENGLISH White Leghorn cockerels at bargain prices; eggs set each Tuesday and hatchings of baby chicks coming each Thursday. DECATUR WHITE LEGHORN RANCH. (14f)

FOUR 400-egg Queen incubators for sale; double decked, automatic egg turners; good condition and priced reasonably. BOYD POULTRY FARM, Boyd, Texas. (24f)

CLEAN to-see bulk oats for sale by HENRY ASKEY, East Main street, Decatur. (6)

FOR SALE—Genuine Porto Rican yam potato seed; prices right. Place your order at once. G. W. TYSON, Ind. phone, Decatur. (6)

FOR SALE—Brood sows and shoats; phone GEORGE BUSEY, at Seven-Wire pasture. (6)

FOR SALE each week—Baby chicks from prize winning and bred-to-lay Rhode Island reds, 15 cents up. Write from mating list. Custom hatching solicited.—BOYD POULTRY FARM, Boyd, Texas. (24f)

FOR SALE—One six-foot McCormick binder, with tongue trucks; will sell at bargain.—J. H. GENTRY, Decatur, Texas. (7)

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Poland China pig, seven weeks old. Notify W. A. GIBBON. (6)

WANTED.

WANTED—George C. Busey at Seven-Wire pasture, west of Decatur, wants to buy some Jersey heifers, under two years of age. Phone him by Ind. phone or see him at ranch. (8)

Mrs. M. W. Burch visited in Fort Worth.

Miss Alma Sims visited relatives in Denton.

Lee Morris of Chico, was in the city Monday.

Ira Maley was in Fort Worth first of the week.

H. E. Jenkins of Greenwood, was here Monday.

Newton Maxwell of Greenwood, was here Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Ward were in Dallas Thursday.

W. F. Waggoner of Wichia Falls, was here Saturday.

James Burk of Fort Worth, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Helm of Bridgeport, was here Sunday.

Mrs. C. C. Lewis of Childress, visited friends here Sunday.

Fred Milligan was here from Greenwood first of the week.

Mrs. Roe Shoemaker was a Fort Worth visitor Saturday.

Tom Terrell of Fort Worth, visited his parents here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frazier shopped in Fort Worth Saturday.

Miss Eula Mae Watts visited her parents near Alvord Friday.

Miss Gertrude Maley has returned from a stay in Fort Worth.

Miss Olivia Simpson of Bridgeport, visited relatives here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Workman were visiting in Wills Point Sunday.

Mrs. Wayne Renshaw of Rhome, was shopping in Decatur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips of Fort Worth, visited in the city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Reynolds of Fort Worth, visited in Decatur Sunday.

Mrs. H. L. Jones is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Lackey, in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Carroll of Fort Worth were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Coleman of Fort Worth, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilkerson of Fort Worth, visited their parents here Sunday.

Misses Mildred Kerr and Ruth Stokes were shopping in Fort Worth Saturday.

Little Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Heathington, has been very sick this week.

Alf Brown, banker of Mineral Wells, was in the city Saturday, visiting homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wilkerson of Fort Worth, visited relatives in the city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Chapman of Fort Worth, visited in the city first of the week.

Miss Wynelle Henderson of Fort Worth, visited her in ther here first of the week.

Mrs. John Logan and children, Mary Sue and Billie, of Fort Worth, were guests of Mrs. W. E. Terrell Sunday.

Mr. A. P. Busey has returned to his home in Ridge, Colorado, after a visit with his son on the seven-wire pasture.

Dr. P. J. Fullingim announces his return from the New Orleans clinics and will be in his office on and after February 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kenny have moved to Vernon, where Mr. Kenny has accepted a position with the Bob More oil station.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ponder and sons, Wayne and Theodore, and Miss Nolan of Dallas, visited here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Collins.

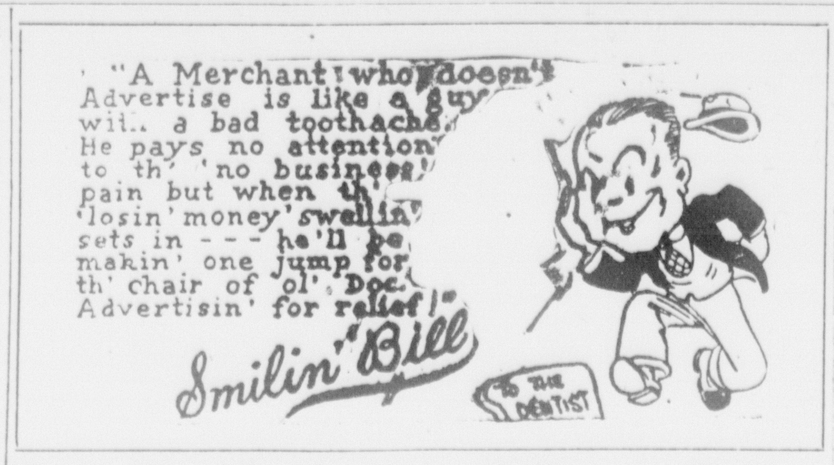
Allen Brady, camped near the lake at Audubon, was in town Monday with a load of cat fish. He sold about two hundreds pounds to the hungry public.

Fort Worth representatives of a well drilling concern were in Decatur on Monday, seeking a contract to sink a well with the land owners in the Keystone community.

Two trucks of a drilling outfit passed thru Decatur Tuesday morning, from Wichita Falls en route to the Bolivar country. A well will be sunk two and one-half miles south of the town of Bolivar soon.

Attorney P. L. Gettys and wife left first of the week for Norman, Oklahoma, where Mr. Gettys will attend the Oklahoma State University. He will work on master's degree in government and law. They will return to Decatur in the summer.

An interesting communication, written by J. E. Boyd, on "The Norris Case," will be published in next week's Messenger. Mr. Boyd is an interesting writer, and the article he writes on the Fort Worth preacher and his works will be read with interest by the thousands of Messenger readers.



Texas Now Ranks Seventh Among States in Number of Cars Registered During 1926

A total of 22,273,643 motor vehicles was registered in the United States during 1926, according to an annual statistical review of the motor car industry recently.

The report shows an increase of 2,044,618 over 1925, when 20,229,025 motor vehicles were registered. The percentage of new motorists was not as great as it was during the previous year.

Estimated total of passenger cars and trucks manufactured during the last year amounts to 4,497,390. This figure shows an increase of 297,390 over 1925. The 1926 production added to the total registration in 1925 gives a figure 2,452,772 higher than actual registrations during 1926. This would indicate that 2,452,772 motor vehicles were discarded or put out of running in the preceding twelve months.

Mortality on motor vehicles was twenty-three per cent higher in 1926, but this does not change to any appreciable extent the average of motor car life, which still runs between seven and eight years. This is significant of the high standard of quality that is being maintained by the manufacturers of motor vehicles.

For the first time in the history of the motor car industry registrations fell off in two states. South Dakota and Utah registrations for 1926 were under the figures given for 1925. Another new state, however, joins the million or better class. Texas is the seventh state to cover the million mark in registrations, with 1,046,415.

New York still retains its lead with 1,798,091 motor vehicles, an increase of 9.8 per cent over 1925. California's percentage of increase was higher than New York's, and it follows New York in rank. Ohio jumped from fourth place in 1925 to third place in 1926 with 1,510,000. Pennsylvania's registration in 1925 was 67,000 higher than that of Ohio, but in 1926 Ohio passed Pennsylvania with a 16.2 per cent gain while Pennsylvania's gain is only 8.5 per cent.

Florida made the highest per cent gain of any state. Its increase was 31.5 per cent over 1925. Florida's nearest competitor was Maine, with a 22.3 per cent gain. Florida's 1926 registration shows a motor vehicle for every 2.2 persons, the highest of any state showing. California shows a car for every 2.4 persons.

Taking the registration total and dividing it into the estimated 1926 census totals for the United States shows that there is one motor vehicle for every five inhabitants. Dividing the square mile area of the country into the registration figure shows a little better than seven motor cars to every square mile.

Automotive industry remains first in rank among all business enterprises based on the value of its finished products. The estimated wholesale value of the products of the motor vehicle and allied industries approximates $1,500,000,000.

KEETER NEWS

Miss Ila Irvin ate Sunday dinner with Miss Rhoda Sanders.

Good crowds are attending prayer meeting at the Church of Christ every Sunday night.

Messrs. Bill Matzinger and Barnie Bradford visited Toland Dutton Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James Wilson has been on the sick list for a few days. We trust she will soon be well again.

Mrs. J. F. Jones has been sick for a few days, but we are glad to state that she is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Birdwell and son, Erbie Lee, visited Mr. Birdwell's mother, Mrs. Beach, at Springtown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Harris and children have returned from West Texas. They are spending a few days with Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vandiver, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Birdwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dutton and daughters, Misses Ruth and Ermina, enjoyed some very interesting games of forty-two at Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones' Saturday night.

Patrons of the school were glad to welcome our superintendent, Wallace Gregg, and the state inspector, J. B. McClung, at the school building last Friday afternoon. Their visit was greatly enjoyed by some forty-five or fifty patrons and visitors who met for the purpose of welcoming them.

Prince of Wales recently surprised England by personally paying a supper bill. Custom has it that royal personages rarely handle money except to scatter largess. The money King Edward carried was always scrubbed and polished before he touched it.

Sheet steel as transparent as the clearest glass has been made by depositing an extremely fine film of the metal on a smooth surface by means of electric current. The film is then separated from the foundation on which it is fixed.

If you subtract forty from the number of cricket chirps per minute and divide the remainder by four and add fifty to the result, you will be able to tell the temperature without a thermometer. This is known as the Dolbear formula.

A gold ring lost thirty-five years ago in Kentucky was found recently in a hogs-head of tobacco sent to Belfast, Ireland. The man who found the ring delivered it personally to relatives of the owner.

Two woolen rugs resembling American dollar bills, made in Greece, were seized by the customs officers when brought to this country under the law forbidding imitation of the national currency.

A Maine judge has ruled that golf balls resting in bushes or clump of trees on a golf course are not legally lost and after identification by the owner may be reclaimed from the finder.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday was a fine day at the Baptist church. The special songs by Faust Nobles and Prof. and Mrs. Reynolds were highly appreciated, and the music by the choir and congregation was very inspiring. Brother Frazier, in his four minute speech, told us how to save money for the conquest campaign, and at the evening service Willard Jones named the amount of indebtedness on various institutions and spoke of the payment of these debts as "paying out our investments." Dr. J. L. Ward preached at the morning service, and Rev. H. B. Singleton at night.

Next Sunday Judge Sam Ward will make a four minute speech at the Sunday school hour, C. L. Christian will speak just before the sermon at the eleven o'clock service, and L. C. Boyd will speak just before the sermon for the evening.

The pastor will preach at the eleven o'clock hour next Sunday on "Eating at the Second Table." Most of us have had that trying experience in our childhood, but none of us ever learned to like it. The guest of honor was never required to eat at the second table even in the barbarous days of old, and He certainly ought not to be required to do so now.

The choir is preparing a special musical program for next Sunday, and we are expecting next Sunday to be the greatest day the church has seen this year. If you miss it you will regret it. Room will be provided for all visitors who come. The morning service will begin promptly at eleven o'clock.—R. E. Bell, Pastor.

Until recently the Seris, a savage tribe of Indians on an island off the coast of Sonora, Mexico, had defied the white race since 1536, when Alvar Nuez Cabeza de Varna, a Spanish military explorer, described them as a tribe living on "powdered straw and raw meat." The remnants of the once powerful tribe are now glad to earn a few pesos by guiding hunters and fishermen.

Moor considers it a sin to cut bread with a knife, declaring that hands were given for that purpose.

Only Big Cut in Cotton Acreage This Year Will Restore the Supply-Demand Balance

Outlook for cotton production the coming season is none too encouraging, taken as a whole, the department of agriculture at Washington declares in its annual review just made public.

"Only a drastic curtailment of cotton production the coming season will restore the balance between consumption and supply at remunerative prices to growers," said the department's report. "Presuming average yields, a reduction of thirty per cent in acreage appears necessary to give the greatest gross value to the next crop.

"A burdensome supply of American cotton for the next twelve to eighteen months seems inevitable. With an estimated 1926 production of eighteen million bales and a world carry-over of American cotton August 1st, 1926, estimated at from 5,400,000 to 7,000,000 bales, the supply this year totals about 24,000,000 bales, as compared with approximately 19,400,000 in 1925-26, 16,300,000 in 1924-25 and 13,000,000 in 1923-24.

"World's consumption of American cotton for the twelve months ending July 31st, 1926, was about 14,000,000 bales. Since that time consumption in this country has proceeded at a record rate. Assuming a continuance of consumption at the same rate in this country, and allowing for some further acceleration of mill activity abroad, a total world consumption for the present year of 15,000,000 to 15,500,000 bales is quite possible. a 15,000,000 bale consumption, exclusive of linters, would equal the record established in 1915; and a 15,500,000 bale consumption would set a new world record.

In either case the probable carry-over at the end of the present season would be from 8,500,000 to 9,000,000 bales, or at least 3,000,000 bales more than the year before.

"Previous years of low cotton prices have been followed by lower yields and reduced acreages. The reductions in yields in such years have been approximately twenty to forty pounds, with a maximum reduction of fifty-four pounds in 1921, part of which, however, was due to excessive weevil damage. Should an average reduction of thirty pounds take place from the yield of 187 pounds in 1926, the yield in 1927 would approximate 157 pounds, which is the average yield for the last ten years. The maximum reduction in acreage in any one of the last twenty-four years was 14.7 per cent; but of those years there was a reduction in acreage, the average was only ten per cent. With only a ten per cent reduction in acreage and a yield equal to the ten year average of 157 pounds per acre, a production of 14,100,000 bales would result. In past relationship of prices to supplies hold for 1927, the maximum income to growers next season would likely result if production were 1,000,000 bales or less."

In the last six years bandits have stolen approximately fifty millions of dollars from the United States mails.

The superstition that it is unlucky to pass beneath a ladder comes from the time when wrong-doers were often hanged from ladders propped against a wall where trees were not handy.

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ORANGES	per dozen	25c
ORANGES	per dozen	35c
ORANGES	per dozen	45c
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BACON	dry salt limited amt. lb.	20c
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JOE BAILEY WILL HOLD AN ALL-DAY MEETING

On February 22nd the Joe Bailey Commmunity Club will meet at the school house at ten o'clock. The main program for the day will be the elimination contests, to see who will be representatives for the school in the various departments at the Interscholastic League meet in Decatur, to be held March 25th and 26. Everyone is invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

At seven-thirty p. m. a four act play entitled "Little Miss Jack," will be given by members of the club. The cast of characters is as follows:

Maggie, a girl of the bowery—Mildred Cooper.
Jimmie, with no taste for work—T. L. Gentry.
Julia Trevors, who has been a mother to Jack—Alice Patterson.
Jacqueline, "Little Miss Jack"—Jimmie Mason.
Dr. Carlyle, a successful physician—Roy Lowance.
Paul Sanborn, his assistant—Leon Derryberry.
Neena, the doctor's adopted daughter—Mrs. E. C. Jameson.
Aunt Katie, the doctor's sister—Mrs. Oscar Perrin.
Rider, a social hanger-on—Glenn Hunt.
Drake, a justice of the peace—Everett Cooper.
Time—Present.
Place—New York City.

An admission of fifteen cents for school children and twenty-five cents for grown people will be charged.

Germany as a Cotton Banker.

Is Germany coming back. Yes. Germany has a record of coming back. It covers a period of four hundred years. Washington advices tell the story. Establishment of a new high record for monthly cotton reports; the displacement of the United Kingdom by Germany as the leading importer of American cotton, and the largest consumption since last March [illegible] shown in the December cotton ginning figures of the census bureau.

Exports to Germany in December were larger than to any other country, with a total of 443,292 bales. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland total 393,113 bales. For the first five month of the cotton year Germany's imports of American cotton have totalled 1,530,206 bales, while the United Kingdom has taken 1,400,453 bales.

As buyers of American cotton, that Germany that lost the world war has taken a greater number of bales than the nation that is said to have won the world war, but that claim has been disputed by many on this side of the blue Atlantic who were eye witnesses to the progress of the war in France and Flanders.

Not since last March when consumption totaled 603,886 bales in the mills of America had domestic consumption been so large as during December. Domestic consumption for December totaled 605,217 bales of lint cotton and 54,016 bales of linters.

There was a bumper crop of eighteen million bales in the American cotton patch in 1926. Domestic millers are cutting away reserves. Foreign millers are filling their warehouses. An army of renters have let their cotton go. In a recent edition of Collier's Weekly, Barney Baruch tells it to the readers of that publication that the banker is the master of the cotton situation and that the merchant and the cotton grower are pawns in his hands.

Barney Baruch was born on a cotton plantation in South Carolina. His father was a distinguished surgeon in the army of Lee. He should know something about cotton and all the ramifications of the industry from seed to mill and from jobber to the ultimate buyer of cotton garments.

He says in the lean years or normal years there is money in the pocket of the cotton grower. In the fat years or large crop years there is poverty in the pocket of the cotton grower and he is at the mercy of the conditions which have prevailed in the south since the close of the civil war.

There are more than two millions of these growers in the south. It is feast or famine with them, and famine has the long call, and comes with the fat crop and the beggarly prices for the raw material which has made millionaires in every textile center in the old and the new world.

But back to the original story. If Germany is not scoring a rapid comeback then the cotton sales figures lie. She has distanced Great Britain as a buyer of American cotton for the first five months of the cotton year, and it is certain that the figures will be interesting at the close of the cotton year the coming July.—Wichita Falls Record-News.

A great head of water still flows from the rock wall of the Lady Ain Sinai, Arabia. This is the spot where Moses struck water from the rock and when the twelve spies were sent into Canaan.

Navy department saved a hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars last year by using old rags, rather than cotton waste, in polishing machinery.

Portland cement is so called because it resembles a kind of stone on the Isle of Portland, in England.

Twenty Years Ago

Messenger, February 8, 1907.

A fine girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rieger Monday night.

W. E. Terrell is in eastern markets buying for Lillard's Mississippi Store.

Miss May Mobley entertained at her home on South State street Saturday evening.

Mrs. D. W. Frazer entertained on Monday, complimentary to Miss Sue Houston.

Miss Bertie Madden has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Cherry, in Bridgeport.

Miss Agnes Spencer of our city has accepted a position as teacher in the Shiloh school, with Miss Baits.

Mrs. James McCarter entertained yesterday afternoon, complimentary to her guest, Mrs. A. J. Marberry.

Miss Ruby Moss from Louisiana, arrived in the city Sunday on a several days' visit to her brother, D. J. Moss, and wife.

Health Officer L. H. Reeves went to Chico Wednesday the disinfect the small-pox premises, the patients having been released.

Walter Rosenburg has resigned the office of city marshal and Wes Helm has been appointed in his stead. Mr. Rosenburg has moved to his farm west of town.

Misses Ethel and Nelle Stokes have again taken their places on the local switch-boards of the Southwestern Telephone Company, after wrestling for several days with the measles.

Mayor J. P. Hayter was in Austin last week in the interest of a pharmacy bill, and succeeded in getting it thru the committee. Hayter begins to shine as Wise county's star lobbyist.

A new brass band for Decatur! Instruments have arrived, and members have met two or three times. If they will all attend regularly they will be in fine shape for engagements at our summer picnics.

Jack Moss says he weighed his baby girl Tuesday night, and she weighed eleven pounds—a gain of three pounds in only six days. And Jack says she was fed on nothing but the natural old style "infant's food" either. Now who can beat that? (That's "growing Moss in a hurry, Jack).

While Mrs. Riley Spencer was going to her mother's Wednesday, the horse she was driving became frightened and ran away. It ran into a telephone post, turned the buggy over and threw Mrs. Spencer out, bruising her up considerably and breaking her collar bone. The horse came back to town and Prof. Spencer took Dr. Ward's rig and went in search of Mrs. Spencer, and found her still lying by the road-side where the accident occurred. Miss Jennie Splawn is teaching in Mrs. Spencer's place at the college pending the latter's recovery.

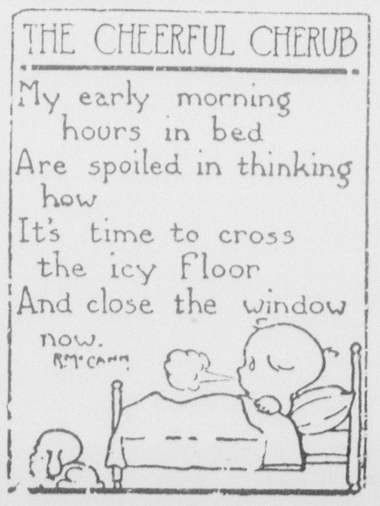
The United States department of agriculture states that wood fuel utilization methods practised by Europeans are not practicable in the United States, for the reason that the time spent by Americans in picking up chips oranches, et cetera, is worth much more than the fuel obtained.

Phoenicians driven to the shores of Syria built their fires on the sand, using blocks of nitron instead of rocks to support their kettles. The natron blocks melted and flowed over the hot sand. Carbonate of soda from the natron fused with the natron and glass resulted.

People who send their children to the Mountain Home College of Evening Shade, Arkansas, often pay a portion of their tuition in buckets of sorghum molasses, slabs of home cured, hickory-smoked bacon, firm butter and eggs.

A new two-cent postage stamp is being issued by the post office department to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the battle of White Plains.

Cakes, baked by London bakers with special messages on the icing, are frequently used to patch up quarrels of lovers. Tons of these cakes are sent each year to South Africa, Australia, Singapor and other parts of the world.



SOCIETY

MISS ALMA WILKERSON, Reporter — Both Phones

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following since our last issue:

Bruce M. Oiler and Miss Gladieh Brown.

C. M. Kitchen and Mrs. Emma McGhee.

P. L. Stockard and Miss Thelma Stover.

John E. Young and Miss Nellie Griffith.

W. M. S. Committee Appointed.

Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met on Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the church.

A Washington birthday party was planned for February 22nd, and committees for the district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliaries, to be held here in March, were appointed. Members of the reception committee are Mmes. C. L. Christian, W. W. Boyd, Bob Cates, B. A. Man and J. L. Ward; luncheon committee consists of Mmes. R. L. Hunt, W. E. Horton, L. B. Gill, Joe Rogers, W. P. Adams, R. L. Blankenship and Marion Montgomery. Misses Mary Jones, Elmer Vernice Clark, Flora Reeves and Alma Wilkerson were chosen pages.

Announcements.

The circles of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon in the circles at the following places: Circle one with Mrs. T. F. Glossup at two o'clock; circle two in the Sunday school rooms; circle three at the church at three o'clock; circle four with Mrs. A. J. Shelton at three-fifteen o'clock; circle five with Mrs. T. J. Dillehay at three o'clock; circle six with Mrs. J. G. Provence.

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Order of Eastern Star will meet on next Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock. All members urged to attend.

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Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian church will meet Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Carrie Wallace in a social gathering.

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Musicians Club will have a colonial tea Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam Hill, on South Lang street.

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O. E. E. Club will meet this Friday evening at six o'clock at the home of Miss Mildred Dillehay.

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Mmes. A. B. Van Meter and J. E. Douglass will be hostesses to the Mission Study Class on next Monday, February 11th, at three o'clock p. m. at the home of Mrs. Van Meter.

Y. L. M. S. Met Monday Eve.

Misses Sue Ella Van Meter and Marion Smith were joint hostess to the Young Ladies' Missionary Society when they met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. L. W. Tyler.

Misses Mary McCarter, Marie Fergason, Hanna Marie Renshaw and Hazel Hoyl brought interesting parts on the missionary program.

A lovely salad course was served to the following: Misses Mary McCarter, Ruth Hoyl, Marie Fergason, Jennie Lee McCarter, Alma Sims, Margaret Boyd, Hanna Marie Renshaw, Mayo Mecaskey, Jamie Ruth McCarter, Alice Frances Kerr, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Beatrice Caraway, Jon Stone, Frances Collins, Jessie Lee Stone and three visitors, Mmes. W. A. Helm, Gordon Renshaw and T. J. McMurray.

Owl Club Entertains.

Owl Club entertained Wednesday evening with a Valentine party at the club house on East Walnut street.

Decatur College orchestra entertained with several popular numbers. Mrs. H. H. Gose played a beautiful piano solo, followed by readings by Misses Isobelle Hunt and Mickey West.

Diversions completed the program, and dainty refreshments were served to forty guests.

Mrs. Tyler Entertains Y. L. M. S.

Mrs. L. W. Tyler delightfully entertained members of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society and friends with a Valentine party Friday evening at her home in Southeast Decatur.

The rooms were profusely decorated with hearts. Valentine diversions and music furnished appropriate entertainment for the occasion.

Tiny cupids designated places for the following at the table: Misses Sue Ella Van Meter, Anna Eloyse Cook, Jamie Ruth McCarter, Alma Sims, Marion Smith, Margaret Boyd, Jennie Lee McCarter, Hanna Marie Renshaw, Hazel Hoyl, Maye Mecaskey, Mary McCarter, Jonnie Stone, Frances Collins, Jessie Lee Stone; Messrs. Milner Sandifer, Harold Jones, Meadow, Marvin Roach, Taft Riggs, Troy Newton and Jennings Brown.

Christian W. M. S. Met Monday.

Mrs. Hayes Dunaway was hostess to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian church Monday afternoon when the regular assembly met at her home.

The house was called to order by the president, Mrs. B. F. Grubbs, and Mrs. Hugh Breedlove conducted an inspiring lesson from the mission study book, "The Bible Knowledge," by Hugh Evans.

The society will meet again next Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carrie Wallace in a social meeting.

Altho only forty-seven years old, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, only reigning woman sovereign in Europe, bids fair to enjoy one of the longest reigns in history. She became nominal queen at the age of ten.

The city of New York has brought suit to recover damages from the owner of a truck which ran into a tree on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx, thus rendering the tree "unfit to adorn."

Nearly ten million dollars is destroyed each year thru the Chinese custom of burning small pieces of gold leaf on certain anniversaries.



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Bethel M. E. Church.

Why not worship with us Sunday? Subject, "Why the Church That Is Anti-Missionary Will Die." The money invested in one modern battleship would support a hundred millionaries ten years.—O. D. Gose.

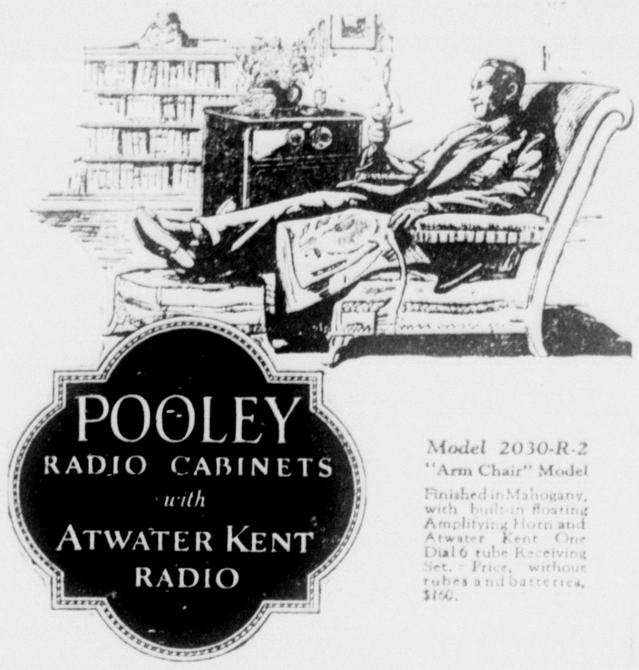
Eels have been shipped by parcel post, in a jar of water charged with oxygen, from Florida to Copenhagen, Denmark. The postage was twenty-five cents.

Wool and Mohair Men Are to Meet in Decatur

Annual meeting of the North Texas Wool & Mohair Association will be held in the chamber of commerce hall at two o'clock p. m. on Saturday, February 12th, to arrange sale dates, purchase of sacks and contract clips.

All members and others who are interested are urged to be present.

See Mae Murray in 'Valencia' tonite.



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Friday Morning, February 11, 1927

All reports indicate that the far-flung bottle line is wavering.

The spring plowing can now be prosecuted—Ty Cobb has signed up.

Judging by reports coming out of Austin, salaries of some law makers are high enough.

Travis county foots the bill for the Norris trial, and reports say Travis claims it was not worth the price.

There are too many vacant thousand dollar lots in this town that are valued on the tax rolls at fifty simoleons.

Those legislators who were caught accepting a bribe come now and say they were the victims of a frame-up.

Caligula spent for one supper four hundred thousand dollars. But that was before Volstead trimmed the menu to solids.

That newspaper that is hundreds of dollars behind with its taxes should hide its face when prating about civic improvements and the parade of the progressives.

An Illinois man is in a hospital for an operation to recover a diamond ring valued at two thousand dollars, he swallowed when told that burglars were in the house.

A Collin county farmer is the owner of a Poland China sow which farrowed twenty pigs. We'll wager money, marbles or chalk that farmer hasn't a car to his name.

Girls in this day and time are showing more on the streets than we paid to see at free-and-easy theaters about twenty-five years ago, remarks an old critic in one of our daily papers.

Ex-Governor P. M. Neff has landed a good and soft job with the federal government. Pat has been appointed to a place on some sort of a commission in Washington. He will draw down ten thousand dollars per annum.

A Gotham judge says it is wrong and contrary to law for the record of a criminal to be introduced as evidence against him. That jurist is bidding for a lucrative position with the bandit gang order when he leaves the bench.

The petticoat senator from Panola county voted against the first bill she introduced. It is said that so many amendments were attached to the measure the good lady did not recognize her own creation; so, turned it down.

If the man who talks fourteen hours a day wears overalls and a checkered shirt, and his wife a poor quality of calico, how does it happen that the fellow who never works at all wears broadcloth and his wife wears seal skins?

When a St. Louis doctor refused to leave his warm bed and attend a sick man he was shot. It is believed that the ill man, when informed of the physician's refusal to come and administer to him, visited the doctor and shot him.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, arctic explorer and oil promoter, who was convicted in Fort Worth for using the mails to defraud, and sentenced to fourteen years in federal prison, has filed application for probation for a period of five years.

No white flags are fluttering in Fort Worth. Dr. Norris refuses to make peace with his gougers and the fight continue on the job. The preacher contends there will be no peace so long as troublesome office holders are holding forth in the city hall.

The young lady who was chosen as "Miss Oklahoma" to represent the Sooner State in an eastern beauty review recommends horse back riding as a beauty recipe. After seeing a picture of the Oklahoma girl one is prompted to ask why she doesn't use her own medicine.

It is being rumored that the recent grand jury, in its deliberations invaded the sphere that is supposed to be ruled by the parents of the community. Suppose the fourteen twelve arrived at the conclusion that some of the parents of the young boys and girls were soldiering on the job.

Something like six thousand dollars are due the city in delinquent taxes. In the list are property owners who owe as much as seven hundred dollars. Two, it is said, are behind some twelve or fifteen hundred each. Then wonder why the Sublime Old Burg is unable to meet its obligations to the bond holders with clock work regularity?

Dr. J. Frank Norris came out in a statement saying that there would be peace, sweet peace, in Fort Worth when a house cleaning was made in the city's official family. From all reports the troublesome divine doctor is not going to be quiet and orderly until the fellows who are punching him are removed from the city jail.

Theft of one Baptist church, value $45, was the charge under which two negroes, one the pastor and the other a deacon were arrested in Dallas. Following a free-for all fight in the church, the pastor took a hammer and tore down the building while the deacon stood guard with a gun to prevent protesting members from interfering.

It is high time some steps were taken to corral the delinquent taxes of the Sublime Old Burg. Information comes to the Messenger that between five and six thousand dollars is due the tax till. A number of our self-styled prominent citizens are years behind. Prominent citizens ought to crack down like us little fellows, it 'pears to us.

A mean old lobbyist trapped two perfectly good legislators the other night, and now there is serious talk of expelling the gentlemen from the august body. The palpitating public would rise and propound the question: "Are the members to be expelled for being caught or are they to be driven from power and affluence for accepting a bribe?"

Yoshihito, emperor of Japan, and revered as a direct descendant of the Japanese sun goddess, has been deposited in the tomb, and to stage the burial in style and in line with custom as old as the hills an expense of some billion dollars was gone to. A million subjects lined the funeral route and cut fantastic capers while the corpse was being taken to its gold decked tomb.

Judge William H. Atwell, in federal court, sentencing to fifteen days in jail a nineteen-year-old boy whose plea had been that he sold liquor to keep himself and sister in school, told him that "education should teach a man how to derive the most happiness from life, and surely this can not be done thru breaking the law. What good would your schooling do you if to secure it you habitually broke laws?"

Count Sarna is back on the front page of the big dailies. The former husband of the heiress to the Rogers millions is in Paris, and he is out with a statement to the effect that the row is being paved for a reconciliation with Millicent. Reports say the rich daddy of the count's former wife has offered the pedigreed a considerable sum if he will stay away from his daughter. Intimate friends of the count say the considerable amount is not enough.

Railroad lobbyists who are contending for a law that will compel the traveling public to stop, look and listen at all railway crossings, giving the fast flying trains the right-of-way, should ponder on this dispatch from Little Rock, Arkansas: "Two women and a thirteen year old girl were killed and one person injured, when a south bound Missouri Pacific passenger train struck an automobile here on Friday night." Be it remembered that the state of Arkansas has the stop, look and listen law.

Wealthy oil operators, doing business in Mexico, are anxious for Uncle Sam to step across the border with his army and set aside the laws made by the Mexicans governing operators' operations. For years these representatives of oil corporations on this side of the Rio Grande have been hogging leases and cutting high capers at will, and heretofore every time their coddled became obnoxious to Mexicans and an ell-down was issued from Mexico City the operators would have their uncle in the stripped pantaloons and star spangled cut-away to make a wry face and the Mexican eagle would drop its wings. But this time the bird on the prickly pear refuses to duck.

Eleven Cent Cotton and Forty Cent Meat.

Eleven cent cotton and forty cent meat
How in the world can a poor man eat?
Flour up high, cotton down low—
How in the world can we raise the dough?
Our clothes worn out, shoes run down;
Old slouch hat with a hole in the crown;
Back's nearly broken, fingers all sore:
Cotton going down to rise no more.

Eleven cent cotton and ten dollar pants;
Who in the world has got a chance?
We can't buy clothes—we can't buy meat;
Got too much cotton and nothing to eat.
We've got no homes, got no wealth;
Losing our credit, ruining our health;
Can't help each other. What shall we do?
I can't solve the problem, so it's up to you.

Eleven cent cotton and a carload of tax;
The load's too heavy for our poor backs.
We're a good set of farmers, we all know well,
But there's something wrong as sure as—well,
We all worked hard, we groaned and sweat;
Now we are ruined, we're a blowed-up set.
No use talking—any man's beat
With eleven cent cotton and forty cent meat.—Mrs. S. C. Ford.

The Problem Solved.

When cotton's low and oats are high
It appears to me that to diversify
Would be a sane and easy way
To bring about a better day.
With butter at fifty cents a pound
And cream at forty the whole year round;
With turkeys high and going higher,
Is enough to kindle a great desire
To raise more birds and little less hell
In a land where opportunities dwell.

If we'd give more time to the dairy cow
And a better feed to the old brood sow
We'd not worry about the price of meat,
For we'd have plenty ourselves to eat.
With fifty cent eggs and a six-bit hen
Why, oh why, will the children of men
Ruin their fingers and break their backs
Picking eleven cent cotton and dragging sacks?

With corn in the crib and chickens in the yard;
With meat in the smoke house and cubbuls of lard;
With cream in the pitcher and honey in the mug;
With butter on the table and 'lasses in the jug—
Things to you won't seem so high,
For you'll be selling, won't have to buy.

Now stop that grumbling, for the fault's your own.
You expect to reap where you haven't sown.
If you stay at home and help your mate
Others—then you won't berate,
And you'll live in Paradise.
This to you is my advice.—W. E. Lewis

Too Many Generals.

Just wondering if Mr. Mellon has sons for cannon fodder in case of a brush with the greasers across the Rio Grande.—Wise County Messenger.

Once, when we were a big-footed country boy, we're not now because we've moved to town—we joined the army. In the Battle of Flowers celebration in San Antonio we noticed a sign that looked mighty appealin' to a high private in the rear ranks which read: "We wouldn't mind joining the army if we could all be generals." It is the way Mr. Mellon's sons if any are situated. If we get embroiled in a little set to with the tamale grabbers, tortilla eaters and tiple inhalers, the wealthy ginks will wear the gold eagles on their shoulders and its country lads will do the scrapping, that is unless Jim Ferguson is governor again and commissions its ex-brigadier brigade.—Dan on Herald.

Try to do a little good, whether you make money or not.

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THE kidneys are the blood filters. If they fail to function properly there is apt to be a retention of toxic poisons in the blood. A dull, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backaches, headaches, and dizziness are symptoms of this condition. Further evidence of improper kidney function is often found in burning or scanty passage of secretions. Each year more and more people are learning the value of *Doan's Pills*, a stimulant diuretic, in this condition. Scarcely a nook or hamlet anywhere but has many enthusiastic users. *Ask your neighbor!*

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The Onward March of Civilization.

Two Texas mobs lynched two persons charged with the commission of crime. This in sections of the state where civilization sprouted long before the coming of the civil war. It is the duty of the chronicler of incidents of the times to place in the record this evidence of the forward march of civilization under Lone Star skies. Jungle law is the law of barbarism. Court house justice is the law of the enlightened civilization of a people who bow to the majesty of the law and ever respect it.—Wichita Falls Record-News

Testimony.

Evidently someone did some false testifying in the Norris case. We are not saying who it was, but eye witnesses failed to see the tragedy the same way.—Savoy Star.

Whenever an important case is tried it seems there is perjured testimony. One witness will swear a certain thing is true; another will swear just the opposite. However, the eye is probably the easiest of human organs to fool, and it may be that two persons may see a thing in different light and be honest about it. This is often demonstrated in telling the number of shots fired. One says there were four, for instance, while another person is positive there were five. The jury has a hard time, as it must separate the true from the false, and while witnesses may honestly tell different stories, it is not hard to believe some witnesses as lying and that they know they are telling an untruth.—Denton Weekly Herald.

If princely patriots and creditable witnesses like Matthew, Mark, Luke and John differed in giving testimony anent a most "important case," pray tell the Messenger why be surprised in this day and time when ordinary mortals get crossed up in relating what they positively beheld. Testifying about the crucifixion of the Man of Galilee, St. Mark said, "And the superscription of His accusation was written over, 'The King of the Jews;'" St. Luke said, "And a superscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew, 'This is the King of the Jews;'" St. John, reporting the same tragedy, said, "And the writing was 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews;'" St. Matthew went on record, stating, "And set up over His head His accusation written 'This is Jesus the King of the Jews.'"

Altho he was deprived of books and pen while incarcerated in an Italian prison, Censure Cantu, the historian, passed the time by writing with a tooth pick and candle smoke on the back of a map and on scraps of paper. The resulting book, Margherita Pusterla, with one exception, is regarded as the most popular historical novel in the Italian language.

"You hear the newspaper derided; such exppressions as "I don't believe anything I see in a newspaper" and "That's just newspaper bunk"—but the truth is that most that you believe about current affairs comes out of the newspapers; they are sources that supply all you know about what is taking place in the world, in the nation, in your state and in your city. Unconsciously, your opinions are the reflections from published news, and the newspapers are distributors of perhaps ninety per cent of information of events you gain."—W. W. Ball.

Japanese have forbidden the ancient Korean custom of carving a design on the neck of a girl who has jilted her lover.

Justice still holds the scales, but seems to have thrown away her sword.

Actresses can appear at only two theaters in Tokio, Japan.

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Many Changes in Decatur and Wise County Since Town Was Established in Year 1857

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of soil protecting devices such as a modern land terrace to substitute for nature's specially contrived soil protecting agencies, such as brush and leaves and mats of dead grass that he cleared away and burned up as preliminary to his frenzy to the growing of cotton in the then deep, rich pristine soil—soil that so far had never been "disturbed" by the hand of man.

Out of the rich volume of ages old humus and rotted vegetation that nature had buried beneath the skim of the land the cotton farmer erected his cotton growing empire. It was no feat in Wise county in those days to grow a bale to the acre on the best land, and fifty to seventy-five bushels of corn per acre, without extra effort and no need of the suppliance of extra fertility to the soil. And then roughly for twenty-five ruthless years the country paradoxically traveled in two diametrically opposite directions; it went forward and it went backward. The fruit of the original fertility was soigned into cotton bales, cotton money into school houses, churches, homes, roads and towns such as the country now possesses, the advancement and civilization such as we yet enjoy—and yet at the same time the land that grew the cotton was being impoverished of its original elements; the bared, cleared fields exposed to the erosion of floods, the original rich humus both burnt up and farmed out. We went both backward and forward.

But there came another time: There came a time when another regime was ushered in. The present and latest and all-around best and most hopeful regime is that of the diversificationist farmer—the man who has ended the history long struggle with the one crop system of cotton growing and has decided to become what the Lord evolved that the ideal farmer should be—complete master of the many related but varied departments of the all sided profession of farm husbandry man.

This new regime is synonomous with the exertion of scientific and business influence on farming as impressed and thriving most opportunely from the sphere of the American agricultural colleges—in our case, from the A. & M. College to Texas A. & M. College to directly.

The hand of science as motivated by the A. & M. College has come in to build a greater empire on a ruin; and it has and is and will be done. Men are being taught to gather together the wrecks of the former destructive regime and build a more wonderful structure than ever before existed. Science of this new era has come to rescue and restore the worn soils by terracing, to substitute legumes for the dead leaves, brush and grass of the old pristine humus, has brought out artificial plant foods that may be applied on an economical basis, has positioned new modes of culture, has created new varieties and more reliable seeds, has beshot the whole agricultural realm with a new spirit and practice adequate to and sufficing of all modern requirements.

Modern commerce, too, has supplied a yawning deficiency of the olden time. It has builded large cities within available marketing distance and created a hungry demand for the productive use of the land.

The transition from the cattle ranching period, predating and following the civil war for a few years, to the beginning of the agricultural establishment coincidental with the years of the early seventies came about very naturally and spontaneously. The one movement required no maneuvering whatever other than the advertising of the rich opportunities here awaiting the cotton grower by principals interested in the promotion and sale of lowest. The lure of virgin richness in the land was sufficient; actual farmers, following lines of least resistance, moved forward—westward—to skim the cream of fertility, re-enacting here another of the scenes of the drama of settlement as this has taken place from stage to stage, frontier to frontier, all the way across the continent from the eastern seaboard.

Men who came were true sons of the soil; stalwart, morally adequate and versed in the manual art of growing the rudimentary main crops but almost wholly wanting from the technical or scientific point of view. Neither were they inspired with a generous, liberal view of the vast panoramic field of the profession of agriculture. As respects the latter day developments of agricultural science they lived in a prehistoric age, for which reason they are not to be held accountable for the destructive ills following in the wake of their inadequate, inefficient methods.

But the change from the last to the present stage has been rendered far more difficult. Bodily strength and the common powers of the reason as faculties of the mind and body were all that were necessary to attaining economical success thru the period when the soil was naturally fertile and quickly responsive to the touch of the plow. But under the emergency that was created by the inheritance of evils and handicaps of the former wasteful time and methods the picture is entirely reversed and more somber demands on the human faculties are made apparent.

Within the large view it will not do any more to guide agricultural ways wholly by the wrote of out-worn tradition: it will no longer suffice, in sooth it is childish folly, to trust to the present sufficiency of the producing soil, unaided and unfortified by the conscious suppliance of natural or artificial elements under the guidance of modern science. The mental horizon of the highly successful farm manager must, in these more exacting days, stretch far abroad in order to apprehend the related ramifications of the vast subjects of production and of marketing.

In these latter days, when the universal emphasis is on the acquisition of skill, education and training in every commendable calling and profession known to human kind, the farmer who does not also go to school is fool-hardy, not altogether literally, within the walls of a college or an academy, but at best within the sphere of his powers and own contrivance.

Unavoidable need of learning and stretching the mind of comprehension, the enforced necessity of readjustment of fixed habits and ways of thinking and doing to the inexorable requirements of a changed day the obligations faced by the farmer of today who would succeed in biggest sense. It is not an easy task to subject mature minds to the processes and the nagging tasks of education, but inasmuch as this has become the indispensible essential of the change that has taken place the stubborn difficulty of perfecting the transition is made glaringly apparent.

The change can not be made unaided. Initiative must be supplied by the perspicuent. Intelligent generalship must be prosecuted in the creation of organization and engendering of hospitable, susceptible sentiment. A large task of accomplishment, intrinsically practical in its nature but potential of the realization of hitherto unexperienced scale of prosperity, confronts the mind that has the power to visualize the situation as it is and as it might and can be.

The last two census takings proved conclusively that the old period of pioneering agriculture in Wise county had come to its end. The intrinsically cotton farmers had finished their task of marauding the soil fertility of the country, and following the lead of their fathers and emulating their example, had trooped on to fresher lands to a repitition of their tragic doings. Census of 1920 revealed that Wise county had lost approximately more than a thousand farms—cotton farms, ground up and fed to the winds and waves as pawns of that furiously destroying one line industry of the south, and by men whose entire breadth of agricultural knowledge and experience was confined within the narrowing limits and lore of that single enterprise in the county.

And then, nearly co-incidental with the date of the last census and its revelations of loss of population and resultant loss of commercial and trade equivalents, came the only and most lasting form of organization the county has ever experienced, whose purpose was to direct its influence on public affairs and endeavor to make them better. Decatur chamber of commerce was that organization. It has had to bear the contumely of those who do not welcome change, even when the change is for the better and for the prosperity of the most. There is no omniscence in the chamber of commerce—it has had to develop and grow and increase in wisdom and experience along with the rest of the country. Always the organization has been manned by home men, "dyed in the wool" Wise county citizens, and the only advantage it has possessed and the only license to leadership it has ever enjoyed is the fact that it has tried to gather and concentrate opinion compactly, pledged to the principle that in the union of opinion there is strength and wisdom in the degree that either are attainable.

Let us be frankly honest with ourselves. The fate of every farmer, business man, banker, store clerk, office holder, farm hand—every man, woman and child, whatever their calling and wherever they reside, if their places of residence are in this Wise county—are indissolubly bound up with the fate of the farm interests of the county. In the degree that each and all respond to the new demand of education of the times are willing to drop old and hurtful prejudices to give place to the new impressions and knowledge that creates wealth, abandon that which is worthless to the past and grasp that which is pertinent to the needs of the future, in that degree will the community ascend to the harvest and realization of the high economical blessings so easily available to spirit and acts properly directed.

On the very spot where Bishop's slim pole of patriotism dissected the upper strata of atmosphere now stands a modern architectural pile of enviable beauty. An engineer has said that he could view it, thru good glasses, as it sits in its lofty place from the hills of Palo Pinto county, sixty miles distant. Wolves do not howl at it today and twenty-five thousand people who call it home of justice do not need to have it explained what it means. It, however, is a monument to an era that has passed and that we may do well to dismiss rapidly from our minds; for it and the towns and roads, the churches, the school houses, together with all other practical structures we enjoy today were skimmed from the once fertile cream of our farms.

Farms have paid the price, bought the goods of our civilization, tho inextricably they still bind our debtors and beacon to us with mute appeal for their restoration. In seven decades the life of but a single generation, there has been worn out and cast aside the farms that divine economy intended for the succoring of men thru all time. Yet we have been bequeathed the equally divine rule for their generation, and the avidity with which we accept and apply the rule will measure the stride and reach of our progress thru the days to come.

Contrary to popular belief traffic on the Mississippi River has doubled in volume in the past forty years.

Clean - Up for Decatur to Be Conducted Soon

Decatur folks are beginning to suggest that the town organize for the most thoro clean-up campaign that the community has yet held, the occasion to come off sometime during March. Not only is it argued that civic appearances demand the crusade but that health interest makes it imperatively necessary. Decatur is admittedly in a disorderly condition and subject to such improvement as should bring a smile of satisfaction to every countenance.

When the occasion is declared the people will then owe the movement unalloyed allegiance and unstinted cooperation to the end that our vital interests may be well cared for.

EAGLE GUNN TO PILOT JUNIOR WORLD SERIES

Announcement was made in Austin recently that J. C. "Eagle" Gunn will manage and arrange games for all Texas teams that wish to enter into competition for the junior world series baseball title during the coming season. Gunn now holds a position as departmental athletic director for the Texas department of American Legion and has included this work among juvenile ball players of the state in his duties.

Teams entering the race over the state will be divided into districts and divisions, winners in district games proceeding to division competiton, and the final winner of all divisions being eligible to enter the national tournament, to be held during the summer. These teams are open to boys under sixteen years of age and are all under the supervision of American Legion.

Last year a team from Kansas won the title, playing in Sioux City, Iowa, while Decatur team was second.

"Too Much Money" Is Feature at the Majestic

A school of speckled trout were procured by First National for one of the scenes in "Too Much Money," which is scheduled to appear at the Majestic theater next Monday night—Valentine eve, with Lewis Stone and Anna Q. Nilsson in the featured roles.

The trout were used in a pool during the filming of a pajama breakfast party scene, in which the guests had to catch trout in order to have their breakfast.

Under an Italian law a marriage ceremony must take place in a city or town where either the bride or the groom resides.

$2.00 Payment Made on School Apportionment

A two dollar payment on the state per capita school apportionment was made last Friday, February 4th, it has been announced by S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction for Texas.

Approximately $2,700,000 was sent to the schools, it was announced.

Boys in a school room equipped with special window-panes which admitted ultra-violet rays were found, after a month's experiment, to have gained three pounds in weight and one-half inch in height in comparison with boys in rooms where ultra-violet rays were excluded.

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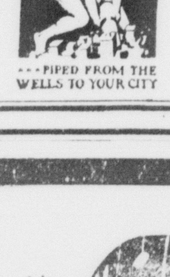
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PLAY GROUND-VOLLEY BALL SCHEDULE GIVEN

Following is a schedule of contests in the Interscholastic League in volley ball and pray-ground ball for boys and girls.

In volley ball the county has been divided into two division—division A consisting of Decatur, Slidell, Boyd and Joe Bailey; division B consisting of Alvord, Park Springs, Bridgeport and Chico.

In the boys' play-ground ball the county has been divided into three divisions—division one consisting of Decatur, Alvord and Bridgeport; division two consisting of Boyd, Sycamore, Joe Bailey and Slidell.

As soon as the winners of each of these divisions are determined, they shall play as soon as possible to determine the county championship in each of the three events. The coaches will please report to B. F. Vance the outcome of each game as soon as it is played.

With mutual consent of the coaches concerned, the dates of the games may be changed, but all games must be played before March 20th. Schedule follows:

Volley Ball.

February 11th.—Decatur at Slidell; Joe Bailey at Boyd; Alvord at Park Springs; Bridgeport at Chico.

February 18th.—Boyd at Decatur; Slidell at Joe Bailey; Park Springs at Bridgeport; Chico at Alvord.

February 25th.—Joe Bailey at Slidell; Decatur at Boyd; Bridgeport at Park Springs; Alvord at Chico.

March 4th.—Boyd at Joe Bailey; Slidell at Decatur; Park Springs at Alvord; Chico at Bridgeport.

March 11th.—Bridgeport at Alvord; Slidell at Boyd; Park Springs at Chico; Decatur at Joe Bailey.

March 18th.—Boyd at Slidell; Joe Bailey at Decatur; Chico at Park Springs; Alvord at Bridgeport.

Boys' Play-Ground Ball.

February 16th.—Alvord at Decatur; Boyd at Slidell; Allison at Sycamore.

February 23rd.—Greenwod at Boyd; Joe Bailey at Allison; Bridgeport at Alvord.

February 28th.—Decatur at Bridgeport; Slidell at Greenwood; Sycamore at Joe Bailey.

March 3rd.—Slidell at Boyd; Sycamore at Allison; Decatur at Alvord.

March 10th.—Allison at Joe Bailey; Boyd at Greenwood; Alvord at Bridgeport.

March 16th.—Greenwood at Slidell; Joe Bailey at Sycamore; Bridgeport at Decatur.

Girls' Play-Ground Ball.

February 17th.—Decatur at Alvord; Sycamore at Joe Bailey; Slidell at Boyd.

February 24th.—Bridgeport at Decatur; Joe Bailey at Slidell; Boyd at Sycamore.

March 1st.—Alvord at Bridgeport; Sycamore at Slidell; Joe Bailey at Boyd.

March 7th.—Boyd at Joe Bailey; Slidell at Sycamore; Bridgeport at Alvord.

March 11th.—Slidell at Joe Bailey; Sycamore at Boyd; Decatur at Bridgeport.

March 17th.—Joe Bailey at Sycamore; Boyd at Slidell; Alvord at Decatur. B. F. Vance, Director of Athletics.

Blows for the Law.

Four defendants convicted of robbery with firearms at Dallas receive life sentences in one day's activity of the criminal district court in that city. The job of stemming the tide of crimes of this sort is well begun with such an effort.

Two things make laws to be feared by criminals and potential criminals. One is certainty; the other is speediness. The criminal or potential criminal has common sense. He calculates the chances of devastating punishment against the chances of gain. When the former are lessened by demoralization of the law, the latter are increased. When it is practically certain that speedy apprehension and trial and certain conviction and punishment will ensue upon the breaking of the law, the criminal is vastly deterred.

Judge Pippen's court has rendered a service to Texas. It is astonishing what even a brief manifestaation of the puissance of the law will do. A few long sentences of the sort in Fort Worth a few years ago stopped short an unprecedented wave of crimes of violence. The power of the law has been under heavy attack in Texas of late. A few more blows, like those of Judge Pippen's court, struck in behalf of the law, serving to disabuse the criminal mind of the idea that it can be violated with practical impunity are needed.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Celebrated artists of forty nations who have received their training in Paris and who wish to recognize their intellectual debt to France are planning a sale of their works, proceeds to be turned over to the "save-the-franc" fund.

France prohibits the exporting of potatoes.

Miss Alma Sims, Home Demonstrator for Wise County, Gives Points in Home Work

There are over one hundred girls in this county enrolled in garden clubs. In order to meet the standard requirements each member is required to have a one-twentieth acre plot planted in vegetables or in vegetables and fruits, according to the club year. These club girls are beginning their work early, and this year we hope to have many garden reports equal to that one of Nellie Parrish, given in last week's Messenger. Following are a few 'hints' given to the garden club members in their semi-monthly club meetings:

A half acre home vegetable garden is equal in money value to two and a half acre of cotton, the average yield of which is one bale to the acre. Why not cut the cotton acreage and raise more vegetables? A good vegetable garden produces larger gross returns with less investment of time and money than any other part of the farm. A recent Missouri experiment gives an average net value of vegetables from one twentieth acre as $4338, and from one-half acre as $13414.

But the money value of a garden is only of secondary importance; the food value is of the greatest importance.

Every garden should be planned so that at least two vegetables, one of which is a leafy vegetable, may be placed on the table from early spring until killing frost. Fresh vegetables from the home garden are more tasty, of a higher quality and more valuable from a dietary standpint than those obtained on the market.

And that reminds us of our "protective diet" programs, which have been given in the women's home demonstration clubs of the county, in which we stressed the following needs: First, every person needs two raw fruits or vegetables daily; second, every person needs one cooked leafy vegetable daily; third, every person needs tomatoes or oranges three times a week.

It is impossible to produce a profitable garden on "skimmed milk" soil, one from which the richness has been separated by continuous cropping without additional fertility. First steps, therefore, toward a successful garden are to supply a good covering of fertilizer and plow deep.

Check Your Efficiency.

Ask yourself these questions, and check your efficiency:

1.—Do I take useless steps about my work?

2.—Is my work table correct in height so that I do not have to stoop to do my work?

3.—Are my cooking utensils grouped together, or must I walk from one end of the kitchen to the other to secure the articles I need in cooking?

4.—Do I have a cleaning closet for brooms, mops, dusters, etc?

5.—If I can not have a cleaning closet, could I make a rack for brooms and mops?

6.—Could I put the wood box on legs so that I would not have to stoop every time I gathered wood?

7.—What shelves could I put up that would make my work easier?

8.—Am I using the right tools for the purpose?

9.—Are my tools in good condition?

10.—Do I sit at my work as much as possible?

What About Kitchen Equipment?

Do you have a good work table, just high enough for the worker to stand erect and lay the palms of her hands flat down upon the top of the table? Are the top of the stove and the bottom of the sink the same height as the top of the table? If not, correct these heights and save your back. Blocks underneath the table and stove legs, and a false bottom of the sink to set the dish pan on will do the work. Do you have a sink of material that is non-absorbent and easy to clean with drain boards on each side? Is there a cabinet for dishes to the left hand of the drain board? Do you have a good dish drainer so that you may scald your dishes and let them dry? They will be cleaner; you will save time, energy and cup towels.

Are all of your cooking utensils of good materials, of the right shape, size, weight, comfortable to use, easy to clean, easy to store? Test them by the following:

1.—Cooking utensils that have broad bases heat more quickly than tall and narrow ones.

2.—Utensils that are free from seams, crevices and rough edges are more easily cleaned.

Children At School Need To Be Well-Nourished

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May Murray Is Star in "Valencia" at Majestic

Mae Murray's latest starring vehicle is a romantic story of Spain, playing its last times tonight at the Majestic theater. The heroine of "The Merry Widow," "The Masked Bride" and other sensational film successes plays a fiery circus gypsy enmeshed in a strange intrigue of high society in the new picture, directed at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

Lloyd Hughes plays the leading male role and the cast includes Roy D'Arcy, Max Barwyn, Robert Anderson and other well known screen artists.

The stone houses in mammoth cave were built almost a century ago by sufferers from tuberculosis who believed that living in the cave would cure them.

There are many books in the British museum inscribed on oyster shells, bricks, tiles, bones, ivory, lead, iron, copper, sheep-skin, wood and pats loaves.

Due to standardization, only twenty to thirty different types of straw hats are now made in Germany. Formerly more than two hundred were made.

Platypus or duckmole of Tasmania is among the rarest of creatures, having the bill of a duck, the fur of a seal and a pouch like a kangaroo.

A Massachusetts man, rejected in 1861 as "not strong enough" for the union army, died recently at the age of one hundred and four years.

A 'porcupine cork' to guard bottles containing poison has been devised. It is fitted with sharp glass spikes which bristle in every direction.

An ostrich can outrun an Arabian horse.

Motor busses now carry passengers over the Arabian desert.

Forty Years Ago

Messenger, February 5, 1887.

The telephone line between Aurora and Rhome is in operation again.

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There are only two colored men in the present legislature. They are from Harrison and Washington counties.

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"The Eye" is the significant title of Bro. Dale's new paper which is proposed to be issued at Alvord soon.

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Mrs. Lautie Mann, wife of Sheriff Mann, and their little son, Lin, are visiting their father in Parker county this week.

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A drouth relief bill has passed both houses of the state legislature, appropriating the sum of hundred thousand dollars to the destitute by reason of the drouth.

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Hon. John H. Reagan, present member of congress, was elected to the United States senate on January 30th in a ballot of the two houses of the Texas legislature this week. He will succeed Hon. S. B. Maxey.

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From F. C. Doan of Doan's store, it is learned that large numbers of men are at work on the great Fort Worth & Denver extension. This road, Mr. Doan says, has been a great public benefactor to the drouth sufferers, hundreds of them having obtained employment at good wages and many being still at work.

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The rooms of Eclectic Society will be open to friends Thursday evening, February 15th, at seven o'clock, for which occasion the following program has been arranged: Recitation by C. V. Terrell, followed by criticism by R. M. Collins; address by C. W. Martin or alternate M. Dyer, criticism by J. A. Gerron; recitation by W. W. Barber, criticism by J. J. Farmer; address by J. J. Terrell, criticism by M. Dwyer.

Supertaxes of ten per cent on theater tickets, fifteen per cent on families occupying more than ten rooms and fifty lire ($1.85) on automobiles are being charged in Rome to aid in the fight against tuberculosis.

Beacon lights to guide airplanes on mail routes are proving a boon to stockmen who have been worried by the depredations of coyotes and wolves. The animals keep a long distance off.

A fortune of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which has been lying in the chancery in England for almost a century, has just been divided between two brothers and a sister.

In 1880 about ninety per cent of the people in the United States lived on farms. Today only about twenty-eight per cent do, in spite of the increased food demand.

Comparison of human blood with the blood of the living varieties of ape indicates that man and the monkey-like gibbon are closely related.

Burglars Who Entered Newark Store Caught

The burglars who entered the Bob Hudson store in Newark, stealing a quantity of auto tires and other goods and a pistol on the nighht of January 31st, have been captured by Sheriff George Gage, and they are now in the county jail.

They were young men and gave their names as Billie Eggleston and George Walker. They were arrested in Fort Worth, and they claim that city as their home.

In ancient times there was a tradition that onions thrived best when stolen from a neighbor's garden and transplanted.

The Romans made cement by mixing slaked lime with ashes from Vesuvius and other volcanic mountains.

Work on Renshaw Well to Start Within 60 Days

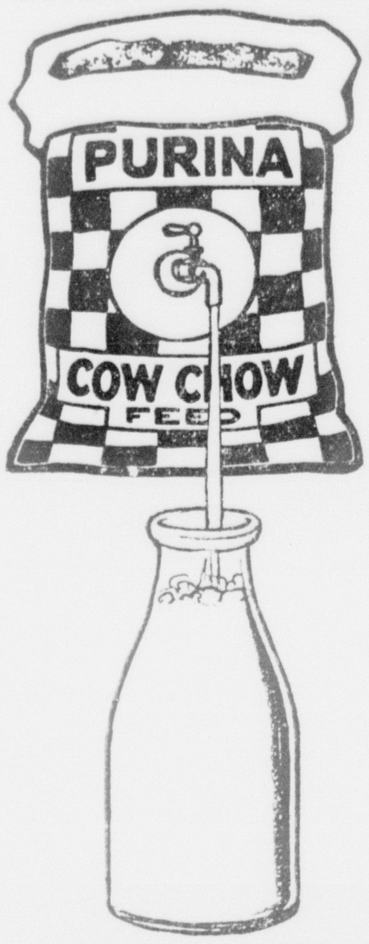
B. J. Chronic and associates, with headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma, have acquired a block of 7,500 acres about five miles east of Decatur and will begin drilling operations within a contract time of sixty days.

A forfeit of four thousand has been posted with Sam Renshaw, who acted for himself and other interested land owners.

Formation of another pool is under way in the same section, but south of the Renshaw block.

In ancient times man's flocks were his only possessions and constituted his money. When coins were introduced, many had cattle stamped upon them; and the Latin word for cattle, pecus, still survives in our word pecuniary.

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The Messenger--

is the recognized leader in the Wise County newspaper field; for almost hal fa century it has been going out to the people of this section, carrying the news to its readers. In the long ago it established itself in the hearts of the people of its home county, and today it is a "fixture" in the homes of the people.

When the MESSENGER came into being, Wise County was but a border county; the wild Indians had just left its confines; the civil war's sad reminders were still visible; the wild west was in flower.

For almost fifty years the Messenger has kept faith with its people. Hand-in-hand the Messenger has traveled the long road with the builders of Wonderful Wise.

More readers—more subscribers—than any other newspaper published in the county. No other publication in Decatur has one-fourth the bona fide subscribers the "Pioneer Paper" has.

BRUMLOW NEWS

Mrs. Venta Peoples is on the sick list this week.

Miss Gertie Stockton is on the sick list this week.

Miss Vivian Murphy spent Sunday with Miss Nina England.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Moore of Alma, Oklahoma, are visiting here.

Mrs. J. J. England visited her sister, Mrs. [illegible] Stockton, Monday.

Miss Vivian Murphy spent Saturday evening with Miss Zora Stockton.

Mrs. Maggie Henson of Vera, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Austin.

Miss Maurine Martin spent Wednesday night with Miss Maggie Hillen.

Miss Maurine Martin spent Saturday night with Miss Ellen Williamson.

Mrs. J. S. Atkerson has moved from Decatur back to her home in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vandiver of Decatur, visited A. L. Vandiver and family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Atkerson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ode [illegible]ckton and family.

Mrs. O. L. Vandiver and children visited her sister, Mrs. Wells Mote, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore and baby of Alma, Oklahoma, have been visiting Mrs. R. A. Rogers and other relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hillen are in Dallas at the bed-side of their daughter, Miss Frances, who has recently undergone an operation.

Misses Ellen Williamson and Maurine Martin, Messrs. Irby Lisle and Tom Grant attended the picture show in Decatur Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. S. Martin spent the week-end in Wichita Falls visiting friends and relatives, and attending a farmers short course which was being held in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Peoples and the daughter, Miss Billy Jeane, of Wichita Falls, have moved into this community and will make it their home for the coming year.

[illegible] and Mrs. Ray Casey entertained many guests at their home in this community. Dinner was served to all present, and kodaking was enjoyed in the afternoon. Those who were present were: Misses Gladys [illegible] Maurine Matrin, Ruth Vandiver, Williamson and Mildred [illegible] Messrs. Tom Grant, Hubert [illegible] Lisle, Lewis Pounds; and host and hostess.

BOYD NEWS

Our road commissioner has recently given our roads a good going-over, and it doesn't take an airplane any more to get to our stills.

Our greatest asset is the hen-berry industry. Quite a number of our citizens are getting into the poultry and egg business on large scales.

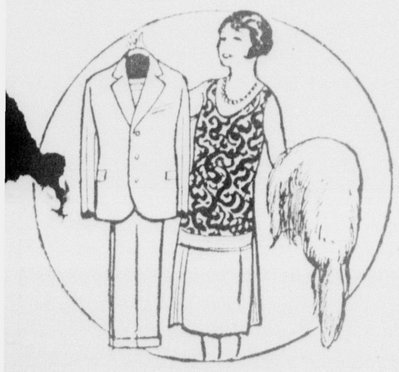
Health of our community is fairly good, but our neighbor and friend, J. H. Bradford, has a boy in school at Denton who, we learn, is very sick with relapse of pneumonia.

We have a fine season in mother earth, and our people have commenced their spring farming. Diversification is the theme, and our farmers are going heavy on truck, vegetables and feed stuff of all kinds. A light crop of fleecy staple will be planted.

J. B. McClung, state school inspector, and our county superintendent, Wallace Gregg visited the Boyd school recently and found about forty-five patrons taking an active part in the school work. We are glad to boast of our school and community spirit of public interest. We think we have as good as the best.

As an act of revenge a Belgian sowed mustard seeds in a neighbor's plowed field. He was heavily fined and sentenced to fifteen days in prison.

Humming birds pass the winter in Central America.



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BOTH PHONES

LONE MOUND NEWS

Berbert Burson spent Sunday with Elmer Hodges.

Felix Binion left for Archer City Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pettus visited Mrs. S. B. Spencer Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Perry Peyton visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Farrington.

Several from this community have been on the sick listt he last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Glass of Oklahoma, have moved to this community.

Mrs. E. B. Bowman is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Elrod of Decatur.

Mmes. Pearl Pettus, Beulah Peyton and Mollie Davis spent Monday with Mrs. F. M. Binion.

Mr. and Mrs. Awbrey Cearley spent one night light week with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cearley.

Mrs. Barton returned home Monday from Fort Worth, after spending a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Prince Claborn and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Claborn.

Messrs. Sterling Johnson and Desmond Walker made a business trip to Wichita Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stafford returned to Park Springs Sunday, where they will make their home.

Messrs. Grady Phillips and Clifton Thomas of New South, attended the B. Y. P. U. at Hopewell Sunday night.

Messrs. Willie Choat and J. P. Choat of Fort Worth, spent from Saturday to Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Claborn.

Messrs. Lena and Maggie Hodges spent a few days last week with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McQuirt of Decatur.

NEWARK NEWS

Clarence Wilson of Burleson, was here Sunday night.

Misses Blanche and Audrey Beasley of Fort Worth, were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Lewis of Haslett, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis.

L. R. Hudson and Miss Vivian Gant were Fort Worth visitors on Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. A. B. Mullins and W. F. Cannon were Fort Worth visitors Saturday morning.

Miss Hallett Harrison of T. C. U. in Fort Worth, spent the week-end with Miss Mildred Van Zandt.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens of Dallas, visited Mrs. Stephens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp, Sunday.

Miss Martha Ann Van Zandt of C. I. A. at Denton, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Van Zandt.

The play, "The Road to the City," given by the Dramatic Club Saturday night for the benefit of the school, netted $29.80.

PARADISE NEWS

Mrs. Cliffard Wallace of Albany, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stutt were shopping in Decatur Monday.

Farmers are getting behind with their farm work on account of so much rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levard of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mrs. Sinor has returned to her home in Fort Worth, after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Rev. M. J. Vaughan of Chico, filled his regular appointment here at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mrs. Alf Franks, who has been very low for the past few days, is reported at this writing to be a little better.

Quite a few of our young people attended the show, "The Lost World," at the Majestic in Decatur last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Read are leaving this week for West Texas. We wish them prosperity and happiness in their new home.

Mrs. Henry Golaz has returned to her home west of town, after spending a few days with her son, Carl Golaz, and family.

Mrs. Tom Standfield of Fort Worth, has returned home after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Henry Coffee, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stutz and little daughter, Billie, of Wichita Falls, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs John Combs.

There are quite a few cases of pneumonia around Paradise. Most of the patients are children, and we are glad to report that all are improving.

The barn on the John Combs place was destroyed by fire one night last week. Insurance was carried on the barn, but Mr. Patterson, who is living on the place, had about a hundred dollars worth of feed destroyed.

Habitual drunkards in Madrid must have their heads shaved every four weeks, under penalty of law.

The salmon industry, which once flourished along the Rhine, is to be revived. A new international agreement has been entered into by all the countries along the river.

Scotsmen are accounting for the large number of golf balls lost on one of the courses at Berwick-on-Tweed by asserting that they are eaten by cattle grazing on the links.

Like Michigan is the only one of the Great Lakes lying wholly within the boundary of the United States.

A seventy-seven-year-old missionary in Formosa has undertaken the task of translating the Old Etestament into the Amoy dialect. He expects to finish the work in three years.

The inside of the stomach has been successfully photographed for the first time by a German doctor.

VALLEY VIEW NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Woolaver visited his parents Sunday.

Miss Gladys Robinson visited Miss Virgil Mae Waters Sunday.

M. J. Horton and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gill Sunday.

Miss Dale Garrison spent Sunday evening with Miss Leona Spain.

D. A. Shinn and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Porter Key Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Booker Lovejoy visited Mr. and Mrs. John Mattix Sunday.

Garland Horton spent last Saturday with Awbrey and John Clyde Mattix.

Miss Ella Fay Kendall of Crafton, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Miss Lucille Garrison visited Miss Mary Jane Brown in Bridgeport last Sunday.

Mrs. S. B. Green spent an enjoyable evening with Mrs. Mattie Horton on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brown of New Salem community, visited our school Wednesday.

M. J. Horton and family and W. A. Gill and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gill.

W. E. Lawrence and Miss Allie Kendall of Denton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Kendall here Sunday.

Charles Rawles and family spent Sunday with h sibrother, Tom Rawles, in the Lone Star community.

Dennis and Dempsey Key spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. B. M. Finley, in Joe Bailey community.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Herrington of Wichita Falls, visited friends and relatives in this vicinity last week-end.

Efforts are being made to celebrate Washington's birthday in our school. A program is to be worked up for the occasion.

Valley View school is progressing nicely. A play-ground ball and bat have been purchased, and the students are having great times with them.

E. K. Cook has set out an orchard on his property in this community. Three acres of choice trees have been planted, and he is making arrangements to seed a vineyard.

Card of Thanks.

We take this means of thanking our dear friends and neighbors for their kindnesses during the illness and at the death of our dear husband and father, who tried to help us bear our sorrow with kind words and deeds. May each one of you find such friends when sorrow comes to you. May God's blessings be with each and every one of you is our prayer. —Mrs. R. L. Teurman and Children.

To shoot a projectile to the moon it would be necessary for it to have a velocity of seven miles a second. The average big gun can give a speed of only about one one-hundredth of that rate.

C. of C. Banquet to Be Held at a Later Date

President Dodson, of the chamber of commerce, made the announcement before the Lion's Club meeting Wednesday, that the chamber of commerce banquet planned to be held in the Decatur College dining hall tonight had been postponed on account of much prevailing illness and difficulties presented by bad weather. The occasion will be held at a later date when it is hoped that more favorable general circumstances will make it possible to secure the desired large attendance.

Children in the remote sections of Northern Ontario, where there are no schools, are receiving instruction in railroad coaches. The cars, equipped with every facility including a small library, pay periodical visits to the remote sections, remaining at each from three to six days

Edmond Hoyle, whose name is most freely linked with the words, "according to," died a hundred and fifty-seven years ago at the age of ninety-seven. His first "Short Treatise on the Game of Whist" had a title of no fewer than a hundred and twenty-five words.

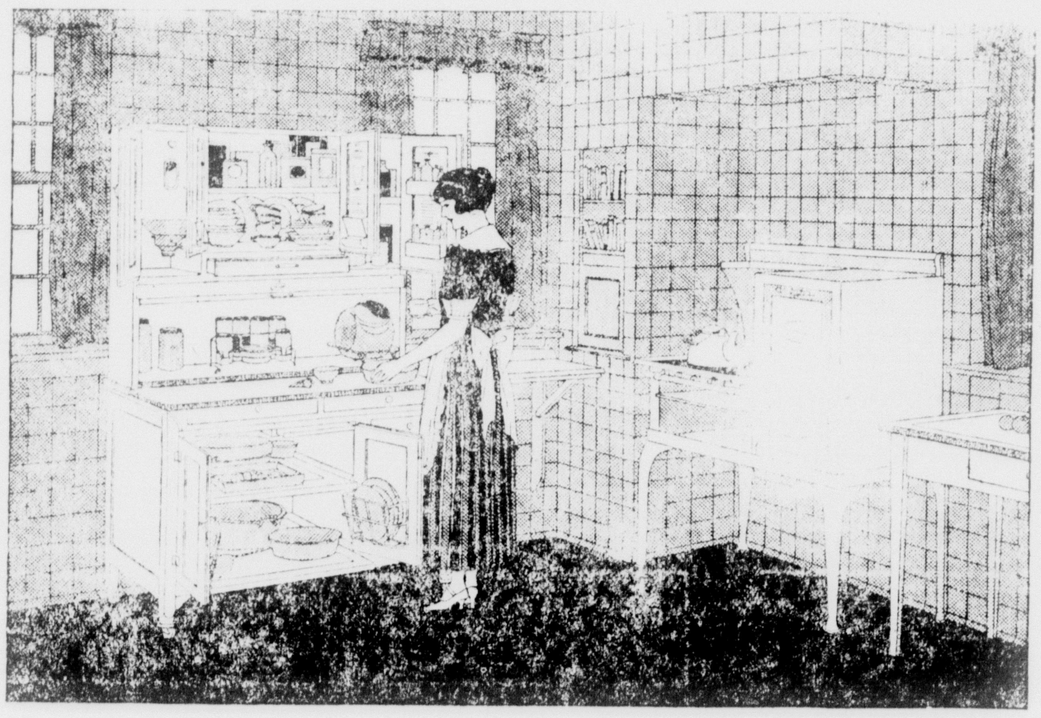
William the Conqueror bestowed on the inventor of a particularly delicious soup the "Lordship of the Manor of Addington," with full revenues and honors.

SICKLY, PEEVISH CHILDREN

Children suffering from intestinal worms are cross, restless and unhealthy. There are other symptoms, however. If the child is pale, has dark rings under the eyes, bad breath and takes no interest in play, it is almost a certainty that worms are eating away its vitality. The surest remedy for worms is White's Cream Vermifuge. It is positive destruction to the worms but harmless to the child. Price 35c. Sold by

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SALTED PEANUTS		3 bars	10c
DEL MONTE	ASPARAGUS Tips		19c
VAN CAMP'S	HOMINY	No. 2 cans	7c
		No. 2½ cans	10c
NUCOA OLEO		lb.	23c
Golden Bantam CORN		can	17c
DEL MONTE	PINEAPPLE	lge. can	31c
RAJAH	SANDWICH SPREAD	jar	23c
Van Camps'	PUMPKIN	lge. can	13c
KETCHUP	Made from red, ripe Tomatoes	Small	13c
		Large	21c
GINGERALE	Cliquot or Silverking	bottle	17c
SOUR PICKLES		3 for	10c
LOG CABIN	SYRUP	1's	24c
		2 1-4ths	49c
Aunt Jemima's or Pillsbury PANCAKE FLOUR		2 pkgs.	25c
Aunt Jemima's BUCKWHEAT FLOUR		pkg.	15c
GOLD DUST		Small, 2 for	7c
		Large, 2 for	25c
LUX	Brightens and Whitens Your Clothes	pkg.	10c
CREAM MEAL		5's	15c
		10's	30c
PREMIER	Salad Dressing	Small	17c
		Large	38c
SWANSDOWN	CAKE FLOUR	pkg.	36c
IONA COCOA		2-lb. can	25c
K C Baking Powder		25 oz. can	22c
Searchlight MATCHES		2 boxes	9c

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Notes About Schools of Wise County

BY WALLACE GREGG, County Superintendent

Happenings of Interest and Activities Carried on by Institutions—Weekly Messenger Feature

Teachers wishing to take the examinations on April 1st and 2nd must register their names with this office by March 20th.

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Census supplies will be sent to the trustees shortly for the enumeration of scholastics beginning March 1st.

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Director General H. H. Sampson of the Interscholastic League in Wise county has called a meeting of all directors at Decatur on Saturday, February 26th at two p. m. to make out a program for the county meet on March 25th and 26th.

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State aid schools will be notified of the amount allotted each as soon as the supervisor has completed his visits and made his recommendations. This notice may be expected some time next week, it is thought.

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Fred Bastain of the Pecan school has his pupils spend two very profitable months studying home geography.

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Blewett school has the distinction of being the only rural school in all the county equipped with electric lights. This convenience is made possible by the generous act of R. C. McCurdy in furnishing current from his private lighting system.

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Miss Shannon, primary teacher of the Blewett school, has an unusual pupil in Master Fred Moat, who is doing excellent second grade work after only three months of schooling.

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Joe Bailey Community Club did a very practical project in securing the improvement of the road leading from the school building to the Sand Hill church. This is a fine example of community co-operation.

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Slidell school is holding the Lincoln essay contest on Friday night of this week. It is hoped that other schools will promote this contest and award the beautiful medal offered by the Illinois Watch Company.

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J. B. McClung, state aid supervisor, and the county superintendent enjoyed a most excellent short program at the Brumlow school on their visit there last week. Mrs. Davis and Mr. Casey are to be congratulated upon the fine spirit shown by the school. These progressive teachers are working to meet the requirements, not only at the state aid law, but also of the score card for a standard rural school.

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Rush Creek school has an active Parent-Teachers' Association under the presidency of Elmer Williamson. The organization meets twice a month and is now engaged in working up a negro minstrel.

DISTRICT BASKET BALL MEET TO BE IN DENTON

The district Interscholastic League basketball tournament, which will decide the championship team of Wise, Parker, Tarrant, Dallas and Denton counties and the cities of Fort Worth and Dallas, will be held in Denton on February 18th and 19th, according to announcement made by T. J. Fouts, athletic director of the district.

First game will be played in Harris gym at the Denton Teachers' College at ten o'clock Friday morning, and the tournament will be carried then until Saturday afternoon or evening, when the finals will be played.

Winners of the district title this year will be awarded a silver cup while a second cup will be given to the runner-up.

Briar school grounds presented a very pleasing appearance with a new fence, whitewashed trees and the flag floating at the top of a new flag pole when the supervisor visited that progressive school last week.

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Newark school put on the play, "The Road to the City," last Saturday night.

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Teachers of the Valley View school, Howard Brown and Mrs. Desda Kendall, are introducing play ground ball to their students.

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Mrs. Marion Gibbon of the Sweetwater school reports that a California hedge is being planted to add to the attractiveness of the school grounds. She also sent in to this office an excellent theme by one of her pupils, Master Marshall Burk, on the subject "Milk for Health."

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Misses Jewel Lisby and Ruth Wright of the sixth grade in the Briar school wrote themes on the subject, "How to Make the Briar School Better," and did such an excellent job of it that a code of ethics for pupils might be formulated therefrom. The code would be, according to these themes as follows: First, obedience to teachers; second, care of sch ol property; third, learning of lessons; fourth, regualrity in attendance; fifth, co-operation wit' other pupils and the teachers; sixth, boosting the school by word and deed.

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Bridgeport high school's debating teams are deriving great benefit from practice debates with the Masonic Home at Fort Worth on the league questions for debate this year. The teams went to Fort Worth last Saturday for the second these series.

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J. B. McClung, as a representative of the state department of education, administered during his visits last week the teacher's pledge to Miss Lucille Pickett of Greenwood, Miss Bethel Waide of Slidell, and Miss Virginia Freeman of Sycamore.

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Semi-finals in basketball are being played this week. Aylford emerged winner of class A and Boyd winner in class B. These two are to play to decide which team will meet the rural champion. Greenwood defeated West Academy 18 to 10 in a hard fought game Saturday afternoon. District tournament in basketball will be held next week, February 18th and 19th at N. T. S. T. C. at Denton.

Bridgeport Parent-Teachers' Association secured for the school a moving picture machine which Superintendent H. H. Sampson considers one of the best things in the school. He makes use of educational films and is developing in his students a liking for the better kind of pictures.

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Keeter school did itself proud upon the visit of the supervisor last week. Apparently the whole community was present. There were over forty patrons and trustees on hand to hear Mr. McClung discuss school afafairs. This unusual interest reflects great credit on the community and means much to the progress of the school.

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The supervisor inspected eighteen schools last week and found all making a commendable attempt to meet the state aid requirements. He found trustees and patrons present upon his visits as follows: Blewett, three; Joe Bailey, twelve; Valley View, nine; Brumlow, six; Rush Creek, three; Greenwood, seven; Splawn, seven; Slidell, seven; Hickory Plains, two; Sycamore, three; Allison, two; Boyd three; Aurora, none; Newark, two; Briar, six; Garvin, none; Opal, one; Keeter, forty-two.

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The supervisor and county superintendent attended assembly at Slidell on Wednesday morning of last week and enjoyed the numbers presented by the pupils from Mrs. Powell's and Miss Chambers' rooms.

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Miss Annie Phillips, a pupil of the Sycamore school, displays an unusual talent in drawing. Two specimens of her work, drawings of the Alamo and of a colonial dame, adorn the walls of her class room.

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Miss Ruth Arrington's room in the Boyd school has won the banner for several months for having the greatest percentage of parents present at the Parent-Teachers' Association meetings.

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Mrs. Amelia Thurmond of Aurora school is planning a fine project in geography that involves the building in miniature of old Aurora as it was forty years ago, when it was the principal town in the south part of Wise county.

COTTONDALE NEWS

Reagan Bridges was visiting home folks Sunday.

A large crowd attended our Sunday school last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coffman of Bridgeport, were here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Morehead spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs Allison.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Banks, on Saturday, January 29th, a seven-pound daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ramsey and Mrs. Arthur Plymell of Paradise, Mrs. Robert Coffman of Bridgeport, Mrs O. B. Morehead, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Liverpool were the guests of B. B. Banks Sunday afternoon.

A memorial forest of ten thousand white pine seedlings is being planted along a New York state highway, honoring Gene Stratton-Porter. This is the second such memorial in New York, the first having been planted in honor of Clara Burton, founder of the American Red Cross.

Notice by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable fo Wise County—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year in your county, at least once a week for ten days previous to the return day hereof, copies of the following notice:

The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of Amelia E. Rice, deceased: Mrs. Eva Thompson has filed an application in the County Court of Wise County on the 2nd day of February, 1927, for the probate of the will of Amelia E. Rice, deceased, and for the issuance of letters testamentary, which said application will be heard by said court on the 4th day of April, 1927, at the court house of said county, in Decatur, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Decatur, Texas, this 2nd day of February, 1927.—LORY D. WHITE, Clerk, County Court, Wise County, Texas. By Clifton Hall, Deputy. (Feb. 11-18)

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

Headache
dizziness

"I HAVE headache once in a while, usually coming from constipation," says Mr. L. A. Morphis, of Pottsville, Ark., "and the very best remedy I have found to correct this condition is Thedford's Black-Draught. It acts quickly and easily, and it just can't be beat.

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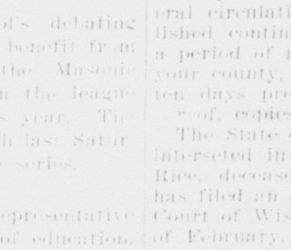
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—Ford sedan at a bargain; in good condition and motor running like new. A car that has not been injured by abuse. Price low; big bargain if you want a goodFORD Two-Door Sedan. Call at the Messenger office.

Woodsdale Cafe

"Service With a Smile"

TABLE SERVICE



COUNTER SERVICE

Here you always get service that satisfies as every effort possible is made to please the most particular. Everything clean, up-to-date and wholesome home cooking that is sure to appeal to hungry folks.

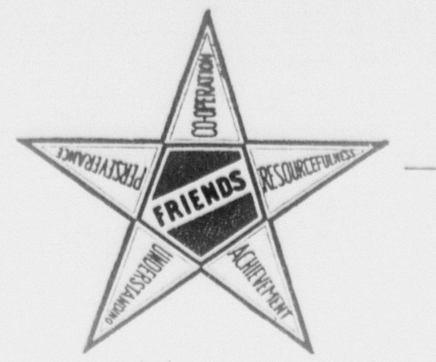
Why rush home and bother about the noon day meal. Eat here — bring the wife too.

SPECIAL PLATE LUNCH 35c

Short Orders—Sandwiches

Woodsdale Cafe

DALE WOODS, Proprietor



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The Touring or Roadster	$525
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On the Street

"HAVE just returned from several days' stay in Austin," remarked W. W. Boyd, who was an applicant for the position of game, fish and oyster commissioner. "There are many down in Austin [illegible] and the atmosphere is full of all sorts of rumors. Yes, there were several [illegible]ers after place." Mr. Boyd was commissioner of the game department when Neff was chief executive, and when Mr. Moody came in the hundreds of friends of Mr. Boyd throughout the state solicited him to apply for the place.

JIM MECASKEY, land dealer and cattleman from the great Plains country, has been visiting homefolks and friends here for several days. Asked about conditions in that section, Mr. Mecaskey said the [illegible] in the sections near his holding are [illegible] of business [illegible] going [illegible] and [illegible] gers are coming in daily and the [illegible] tion is made [illegible] and the [illegible] about a [illegible] will be [illegible]," he said. Mr. Mecaskey is [illegible] extensive dealer [illegible] and he is a strong booster [illegible] country. His headquarters are [illegible] Hereford.

ARTICLE in the Messenger of last week, stating that Shaw Brothers of Fort Worth were contemplating the locating of [illegible] plant in Decatur, created a deal [illegible] of agitation among certain of [illegible] Decatur people," stated a dairyman attending the called meeting of the organization in the Odd Fellows hall here Monday. The dairyman was addressing a representative of the Messenger, who had drifted in with the crowd. Continuing, the farmer said: "What was the cause of th[illegible]?" [illegible] replied that [illegible] farmer took [illegible] [illegible]

Club Boys and Girls to Attend Fat Stock Show

Girls and boys from practically every county in Texas who are members of the home demonstration and agricultural clubs will attend the big Southwestern Exposition & Fat Stock Show this year in Fort Worth. Close to three thousand are being prepared, W. W. Bridges, agricultural agent of the exposition, announces.

Wise county boys and girls attended last year's event in good numbers, and this year will be no exception. Many [illegible] members will exhibit live stock and other exhibits to the exposition.

An individual electric power plant consisting of a small generator, spring driven, supplies sufficient current to operate a light bulb. Ten seconds of cranking by hand produces three minutes of light.

SENATE FAVORS LAKE PROJECTS IN THIS SECTION

Upper House Votes for Remitting Taxes in Water District

[illegible] victory in the senate in Austin Tuesday when two bills providing for the remission of a portion of the taxes of Tarrant and Dallas counties were passed. The vote on each bill was 20 to 8.

[illegible]

Bonds [illegible] the purpose before [illegible] 27th, this year to make the tax effective.

The projects are outlined by Senator [illegible] A. Stuart of Fort Worth contemplates the erection of a dam fifty miles north of Fort Worth and another in Jack and Wise counties above Fort Worth for the retention of flood waters, which can be released during periods when the river is at a low stage. Senator Stuart said that the projects would make the river [illegible]

[illegible]

THREE WILD-CATS FOR COUNTY IN SIXTY DAYS

Within the next sixty days at least three wildcat wells will be drilling in Wise county, says J. E. Douglass of Decatur, who was here Friday in the interest of promoters for one of the wells. Two definite locations have been made, Douglass said, and it is thought the third can be made next week some time.

A well is to be drilled six miles east of Decatur by B. J. Chronic of Tulsa; a location for a well one-quarter mile west of the old Keystone location has been made; and the third location contemplated will be north of the Keystone location, the block joining the Keystone tract about a mile north of the well.

The Keystone well, which will be the third to be drilled on that block, is to be drilled by Barber & Caraway of Nocona, Douglass said. The contract calls for a 3,300 foot test. Oil showings were found in both of the Keystone wells, is was said, and much interest is being shown in the third.

The three wells will be in a direct line with the Leo well on the Fortenberry farm.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Expert on Poultry to Talk in Wise County

With exception of naming the positive date, arrangements have been completed for a meeting to be held in Decatur by Prof. W. H. Lapp, one of the distinguished poultrymen of the nation. The date will be some time soon after March 11th and is to be confirmed by Prof. Lapp, whose headquarters are in Chicago. Prof. Lapp is director of the research and development department of the Live Poultry Transit Company, and an outstanding expert in all phases of poultry raising and packing for shipment. So far as known he will have but two dates in North Texas, one at Graham, in addition to the appointment at Decatur.

Prof. Lapp is coming to Decatur at the invitation of W. C. Milligan [illegible]

[illegible]

STEVE A. LILLARD JR. IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

As Messenger goes to press word comes from a Dallas sanitarium that Steve A. Lillard Jr. is in a critical condition. Suffering from injuries he received in a car wreck in Mason county about a month ago, while returning from a deer hunt, Mr. Lillard was taken from his home in Ranger to the Dallas hospital on Wednesday afternoon. Attending physicians after a conference issued a statement that the patient was too weak to stand an operation Wednesday night and it was postponed until shortly after noon Thursday. All the Lillard family and a number of friends from Decatur are [illegible]

[illegible]

About one year ago Mr. Lillard [illegible] Ranger [illegible]. During the latter part of December while returning from a deer hunt in Mason county with a party of friends, Steve was injured in a car accident and the injury gradually grew worse, and on Tuesday a message from Ranger summoned his father and mother to his bedside. Wednesday he was taken to Dallas.

Later reports from [illegible] Dallas [illegible]

Many Changes in Decatur and Wise County Since Town Was Established in Year 1857

[illegible]

[illegible] so strange a sight [illegible] from their [illegible] the wolves wailed a melancholy salutation. No human habitation was near to catch the whisperings of the flag as these were borne out on the breezes, and no human being was present to explain the flag's mysterious presence.—Pioneer History of Wise County, by Cliff D. Cates.

The redoubtable man referred to in the foregoing paragraph was Colonel Absalom Bishop. The erection of the flag on the town site of Decatur was a romantic gesture in the first settlement of the county, first in the beginning of Decatur.

The territory which afterwards became Wise county was at that time by the people of the older settled districts of Eastern Texas from whence most of the immigrants came, esteemed and called a veritable "land of milk and honey."

It was called a land of milk and honey because its pristine richness had never been disturbed by the hand of [illegible]

[illegible] which there was "scarcely a [illegible] missing."

Ensuing upon a few years subsequent to the civil war the reign of the cattle kingdom with the long overland drives over the Chisholm trail and other to pioneer Kansas markets came slowly to an end, and another regime was ushered in, the regime of the actual farmer. In the early seventies he arrived from the cotton plantations of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. He knew nothing of cattle raising on the western scale; he stood committed to the raising of cotton in pursuit of the mode of tradition, as this had been taught him in the states of the older south from whence he had embarked. He ante-dated the days of the advent of true agricultural science. He knew nothing of colleges; he knew nothing of legumes, artificial fertilizers, humus and the need of artificial suppliance

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TWO LOST SEAT IN LEGISLATURE BRIBERY PROBE

Expelled Tuesday After Investigations By Committee

[illegible]

[illegible] Dale sought and accepted a thousand dollars [illegible] committee report on Moore [illegible] optometrist, and that Moore was involved in [illegible] Rangers took a thousand dollars in marked bills off Dale near a hotel alley in Austin after he and Chamberlain had left Moore only a few minutes before.

Denton County Test to Be Started in Ten Days

[illegible]

Graham Man Is Made Legion Publicity Agent

[illegible]

Thieves Escape from Stolen Car at Alvord

Two strangers, young men, stole the P. R. Baits Ford sedan on Monday night, and were making good their escape when halted by the night watchman at Alvord at about seven-thirty o'clock. Two shots from the pistol of the officer were necessary to make the thieves abandon the machine and take to the brush. The car was recovered but the thieves made good their escape.

Ten minutes after the car was stolen the sheriff's department in Decatur was notified, and immediately officers at Alvord were told to be on the lookout. When the car was seen driving thru the town Night Watchman McGaughey appeared on the scene and commanded the driver to stop. Instead of complying with the officer's order the man at the wheel put on more gas and speeded up. Officer McGaughey then fired two shots and the strangers jumped from the car and fled. The auto, running wild, bumped into a tree and came to a stop [illegible].

Deputy Sheriff George Moore of Decatur brought the car to Decatur and returned it to Mr. Baits.

DAIRYMEN OF COUNTY PROTEST CUT ON MILK

A rousing meeting of the members of the Wise County Dairy Association was held in the I. O. O. F. hall on Monday afternoon, and ringing resolution, protesting against the recent reduction in the price of milk, posted by the Tennessee Dairies of Dallas, purchasers of the local milk supply, were adopted. A number of speeches were made, and some pointed remarks were [illegible] and after the meeting a petition asking the Tennessee Dairies to call off the reduction was numerously signed.

A majority of the dairymen [illegible] another outlet for their milk [illegible] the Dallas company [illegible] to their demands. Others stated they would go out of the dairy business if the ruling price prevailed, claiming that with the increased price of feed the business would [illegible]

[illegible]

JONAS KAISER NAMED GAME COMMISSIONER

[illegible] Jonas Kaiser [illegible] appointed state game, fish and oyster commissioner to succeed [illegible] of Waco, resigned. The position was sought by W. W. Boyd of Decatur and it was believed that he had the place "cinched," but politics is said to have entered in selecting Mr. [illegible]'s successor, and when the contest became hot between Mr. Boyd and a former school mate of Governor Dan Moody, a dark horse was suggested.

Mr. Boyd was game commissioner under Governor Pat Neff, and it is said that he made the best record ever turned in by a commissioner of the office.

Immediately following Mr. Moody's nomination, the friends of Mr. Boyd became active in his behalf, and they were assured that the Decatur man would be selected. A short time ago a Williamson county boyhood friend of the governor made application for the place and, it is said, this placed Moody in an embarrassing position and the Houston man was selected as a "compromise."

Mr. Boyd, who has been in Austin for several days, returned to Decatur Monday.

FARM COURSES BEING PLANNED FOR MARCH 1-4

Number of Specialists of State on Programs for Gatherings

Third series of all day farm meetings or farm short courses for Wise county have been arranged for by County Agent E. C. Jameson and Miss Alma Sims, home demonstration agent, with locations and dates as follows:

Tuesday, March 1st—Red Willow consolidated school, four miles northwest of Chico.

Wednesday, March 2nd—J. Goodger farm, about five miles northeast of Boyd.

Thursday, March 3rd—Ed Paschall farm, one mile east of Bridgeport on the Cuba road.

Friday, March 4th—C. C. McDaniel farm in Sycamore-Greenwood section.

A group of farm leaders and specialists from the A. & M. College, and probably M. B. Oates, agricultural agent of the Denver Road, will aid the county agents in conducting the programs. The college list of specialists has not yet been completed, but to date it is known that the following will be here: G. W. Orms, district agent; Miss Jennie Camp, district agent; M. R. Bentley, farm engineer in charge of terracing and other farm construction; J. L. Thomas, dairy specialist; J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist, inclusive of pecan work.

Subjects to be handled are indicated by the offices of the above specialists, but still other subjects and officials are to be added to the program.

It is planned to give in each community a complete treatment of the major farm problems of interest.

The program in each community will last thru of the day, from about ten until four o'clock. The noon meal will be provided by the people themselves bringing their own lunches. The meetings are to be looked forward to as very profitable days and deserve being generously attended by people of the county.

NEW HIGHWAY IN CLAY COUNTY IS OPENED UP

Recently the new concrete highway between Henrietta and Wichita Falls was opened to traffic and reports are to the effect that it is one of the best stretches of roadway in this part of the state. The building of the highway has connected Central and North West Texas.

Work on the [illegible] the highway in Clay county [illegible]

[illegible]

Moody to Be Endorsed as U. S. Vice President

Dan Moody will be [illegible] for vice president on the national democratic ticket by the league of young democrats of Oklahoma, according to W. R. New, secretary of that organization. Mr. New strode into the governor's office with J. C. [illegible], former Oklahoman, to break the crust of formality to invite him to the convention of his organization in Ardmore on February 22nd. The governor would give him no definite answer, he said.

"We've had both the senate and the house pass a resolution inviting Moody to visit us. Ours is a young man's organization and Moody is a young governor. Our state is composed of Texans—two-thirds of our population coming from this state. We'd like to see Dan Moody step into national prominence and we want to start the ball rolling."

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:35 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Charles Davis was a week-end visitor in [illegible].

Ray C[illegible] of Fort Worth, was in Decatur Sunday.

A. A. [illegible] of Alvord, was in town on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Gus King of Henrietta visited relatives here last week-end.

Glynn Reiger and wife of Savage visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Heflin of Walters, Oklahoma, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Audrey Mae Carl of Fort Worth, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. F. R. Mack of Amarillo, is visiting her sister, Miss Ada Harding.

J. P. Boyd of Wichita Falls, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boyd, here Sunday.

George Hamilton of Marlin, Oklahoma, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. [illegible].

[illegible]

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lackey of Tenaha on Friday, February 4th, a daughter. Mrs. Lackey was before her marriage Miss Ada Jones of this place.

Mrs. W. W. Williams and granddaughter Miss Pearl Lovelace, left Tuesday for a week's visit in Ennis in home of Mrs. Williams's daughter Mrs. A. L. Thomas.

A slow drizzling rain fell thruout Wise county, followed by sleet Wednesday and Wednesday night. Farmers say a fine season has been put in the ground, but owing to the wet condition of the bottom lands plowing will be delayed for several weeks.

[illegible]

Mrs. M. W. Buren visited in Fort Worth.

Miss Alma Sims visited relatives in Denton.

Lee Morris of Chico, was in the city Monday.

Ira Maley was in Fort Worth first of the week.

H. E. Jenkins of Greenwood, was here Monday.

Newton Maxwell of Greenwood, was here Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Ward were in Dallas Thursday.

W. F. Waggoner of Wichita Falls, was here Saturday.

James Burk of Fort Worth, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Helm of Bridgeport, was here Sunday.

Mrs. C. C. Lewis of Childress, visited friends here Sunday.

Fred Milligan was here from Greenwood first of the week.

Mrs. Roe Shoemaker was a Fort Worth visitor Saturday.

Tom Terrell of Fort Worth, visited his parents here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frazier shopped in Fort Worth Saturday.

Miss Eula Mae Watts visited her parents near Alvord Friday.

Miss Gertrude Maley has returned from a stay in Fort Worth.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilkerson of Fort Worth visited their parents here Sunday.

Misses Mildred Kerr and Ruth Stokes were shopping in Fort Worth Saturday.

Little Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Heathington has been very sick this week.

Al Brown, banker of Mineral Wells, was in the city Saturday, visiting homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wilkerson of Fort Worth visited relatives in the city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Chapman of Fort Worth visited in the city first of the week.

[illegible]

Dr. P. J. Pennington announces his return from the New Orleans clinics and will be in his office on and after February 12th.

[illegible]

Fort Worth representatives of a well drilling concern were in Decatur on Monday, seeking a contract to sink a well with the land owners in the Keystone community.

Two trucks of a drilling outfit passed thru Decatur Tuesday morning from Wichita Falls en route to the Bolivar country. A well will be sunk two and one-half miles south of the town of Bolivar soon.

Attorney P. E. Gettys and wife left first of the week for Norman, Oklahoma, where Mr. Gettys will attend the Oklahoma State University. He will work on master's degree in government and law. They will return to Decatur in the summer.

An interesting communication written by J. T. Boyd, on "The Norris Case," will be published in next week's Messenger. Mr. Boyd is an interesting writer, and the article he writes on the Fort Worth preacher and his works will be read with interest by the thousands of Messenger readers.

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FOR SALE

ENGLISH White Leghorn cockerels at bargain prices. Eggs [illegible] each Tuesday and hatchings of baby chicks [illegible] each Thursday. DECATUR WHITE LEGHORN RANCH.

FOR [illegible] Queen incubator for sale [illegible] BOYD POULTRY FARM, Boyd, Texas.

CLEAN [illegible] HENRY [illegible] Decatur.

FOR SALE Genuine Porto Rican yam potato seed, prices right. Place your order at once. G. W. TYSON, Ind. phone, Decatur.

FOR SALE Brood sows and shoats, phone GEORGE BUSEY, at Seven Wire pasture.

FOR SALE each week Baby chicks from prize winning and bred to lay Rhode Island reds 15 cents up. Write for mating list. Custom hatching solicited. BOYD POULTRY FARM, Boyd, Texas.

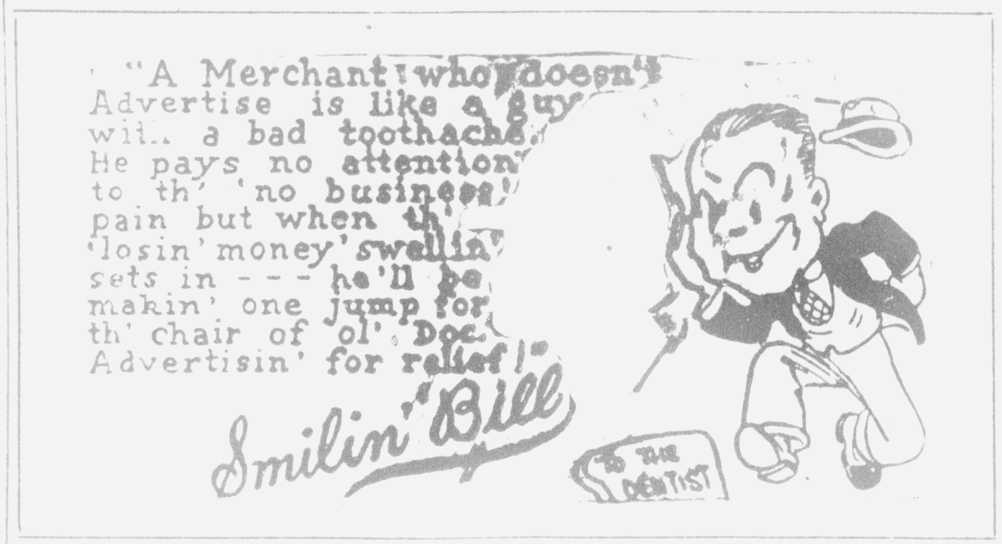
FOR SALE One six foot McCormick binder, with tongue trucks [illegible] at bargain. J. H. GENTRY, Decatur, Texas.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST Poland China pig, seven weeks old. Notify W. A. GIBBON.

WANTED

WANTED George C. Busey at Seven Wire pasture, west of Decatur, wants to buy some Jersey heifers, under two years of age. Phone him by Ind. phone or see him at ranch.



Texas Now Ranks Seventh Among States in Number of Cars Registered During 1926

A total of 22,273,613 motor vehicles was registered in the United States during 1926, according to an annual statistical review of the motor car industry recently.

The report shows an increase of 2,044,618 over 1925, when 20,229,025 motor vehicles were registered. The percentage of new motorists was not as great as it was during the previous year.

Estimated total of passenger cars and trucks manufactured during the last year amounts to 4,497,390. This figure shows an increase of 297,390 over 1925. The 1926 production added to the total registration in 1925 gives a figure 2,452,772 higher than the registrations during 1926. This would indicate that 2,452,772 motor vehicles were discarded or put out of use in the preceding twelve months.

Mortality of motor vehicles is twenty-three per cent higher [illegible] but this does not change to any appreciable extent the average of motor car life, which [illegible] between [illegible] and eight years. [illegible]

[illegible] in registrations with 1,046,415.

New York still retains its lead with 1,798,091 motor vehicles, an increase of 9.8 per cent over 1925. California's percentage of increase was higher than New York's, and it follows New York in rank. Ohio jumped from fourth place in 1925 to third place in 1926 with 1,510,000. Pennsylvania's registration in 1925 was 67,000 higher than that of Ohio, but in 1926 Ohio passed Pennsylvania with a 16.2 per cent gain while Pennsylvania's gain is only 8.5 per cent.

Florida made the highest per cent gain of any state. Its increase was 31.5 per cent over 1925. Florida's nearest competitor was Maine with a 22.3 per cent gain. Florida's 1926 registration shows a motor vehicle for every 2.2 persons, the highest of any state [illegible]. California shows a car [illegible] 2.4 persons.

[illegible]

KEETER NEWS

Miss [illegible] Irwin [illegible] Sunday with Miss Rhoda Sander.

Good crowds are attending prayer meeting at the Church of Christ every Sunday night.

Messrs. Bill Matzinger and [illegible] Bradford visited Eland Dutton Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James Wilson has been on the sick list for a few days. We trust she will soon be well again.

Mrs. J. F. Jones has been sick for a few days, but we are glad to state that she is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Birdwell and son, [illegible] Lee, visited Mr. Birdwell's mother, Mrs. Beach, at Springtown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Harris and children have returned from West Texas. They are spending a few days with Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vandiver, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Birdwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dutton and daughters, Misses Ruth and Emma, enjoyed some very interesting games of forty-two at Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones' Saturday night.

Patrons of the school were glad to welcome our superintendent, Wallace Gregg, and the state inspector, J. B. McClung, at the school building last Friday afternoon. Their visit was greatly enjoyed by some forty-five or fifty patrons and visitors who met for the purpose of welcoming them.

Prince of Wales recently surprised England by personally paying a supper bill. Custom has it that royal personages rarely handle money except [illegible]. The money King [illegible] carried was always scrubbed and polished before he touched it.

Sheet steel as transparent as the clearest glass has been made by depositing an extremely fine film of the metal on a smooth surface by means of electric current. The film is then separated from the foundation on which it is fixed.

If you subtract forty from the number of cricket chirps per minute and divide the remainder by four and add fifty to the result, you will be able to tell the temperature without a thermometer. This is known as the Dolbear formula.

A gold ring lost thirty-five years ago in Kentucky was found recently in a hogshead of tobacco sent to Belfast, Ireland. The man who found the ring delivered it personally to relatives of the owner.

Two wooden rugs resembling American dollar bills, made in Greece, were seized by the customs officers when brought to this country under the law forbidding imitation of the national currency.

A Maine judge has ruled that golf balls resting in bushes or clump of trees on a golf course are not legally lost and after identification by the owner may be reclaimed from the finder.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday was a fine day at the Baptist church. The special songs by Faust Nobles and Prof. and Mrs. Reynolds were highly appreciated, and the music by the choir and congregation was very inspiring. Brother Frazier, in his four minute speech, told us how to save money for the cheapest campaign, and at the evening service Willard Jones named the amount of indebtedness on various institutions and spoke of the payment of these debts as "paying out our investments." Dr. J. L. Ward preached at the morning service and Rev. H. B. Singleton at night.

Next Sunday Judge Sam Ward will make a four minute speech at the Sunday school hour. C. L. Christian will speak just before the sermon at the eleven o'clock service, and L. C. Boyd will speak just before the sermon for the evening.

The pastor will preach at the eleven o'clock hour next Sunday on "Eating at the Second Table." Most of us have had that trying experience in our childhood, but none of us ever learned to like it. The guest of honor was never required to eat at the second table even in the barbarous days of old, and He certainly ought not to be required to do so now.

The choir is preparing a special musical program for next Sunday, and we are expecting next Sunday to be the greatest day the church has seen this year. If you miss it you will regret it. Room will be provided for all visitors who come. The morning service will begin promptly at eleven o'clock. R. E. Bell, Pastor.

Until recently the Seris, a savage tribe of Indians on an island off the coast of Sonora, Mexico, had defied the white race since 1536, when Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca, a Spanish military explorer, described them as a tribe living on "powdered straw and raw meat." The remnants of the once powerful tribe are now glad to earn a few pesos by guiding hunters and fishermen.

Moor considers it a sin to cut bread with a knife, declaring that hands were given for that purpose.

Only Big Cut in Cotton Acreage This Year Will Restore the Supply-Demand Balance

Outlook for cotton production the coming season is none too encouraging, taken as a whole, the department of agriculture at Washington declares in its annual review just made public.

"Only a drastic curtailment of cotton production the coming season will restore the balance between consumption and supply at remunerative prices to growers," said the department's report. "Presuming average yields, a reduction of thirty per cent in acreage appears necessary to give the greatest gross value to the next crop.

"A burdensome supply of American cotton for the next twelve to eighteen months seems inevitable. With an estimated 1926 production of eighteen million bales and a world carry-over of American cotton August 1st, 1926, estimated at from 5,400,000 to 7,000,000 bales, the supply this year totals about 24,000,000 bales, as compared with approximately 19,400,000 in 1925-26, 16,300,000 in 1924-25 and 13,000,000 in 1923-24.

"World's consumption of American cotton for the twelve months ending July 31st, 1926, was about 14,000,000 bales. Since that time consumption in this country has proceeded at a record rate. Assuming a continuance of consumption at the same rate in this country, and allowing for some further acceleration of mill activity abroad, a total world consumption for the present year of 15,000,000 to 15,500,000 bales is quite possible. A 15,000,000 bale consumption exclusive of linters would equal the record established in 1915 and a 15,500,000 bale consumption would set a new world record.

In either case the probable carry-over at the end of the present season would be from 8,500,000 to 9,000,000 bales, or at least 3,000,000 bales more than the year before.

"Previous years of low cotton prices have been followed by lower yields and reduced acreages. The reductions in yields in such years have been approximately twenty to forty pounds, with a maximum reduction of fifty-four pounds in 1921, part of which, however, was due to excessive weevil damage. Should an average reduction of thirty pounds take place from the yield of 187 pounds in 1926, the yield in 1927 would approximate 157 pounds, which is the average yield for the last ten years. The maximum reduction in acreage in any one of the last twenty-four years was 14.7 per cent; but of those years there was a reduction in acreage, the average was only ten per cent. With only a ten per cent reduction in acreage and a yield equal to the ten year average of 157 pounds per acre, a production of 14,100,000 bales would result. In past relationship of prices to supplies hold for 1927, the maximum income to growers next season would likely result if production were 1,000,000 bales or less."

In the last six years bandits have stolen approximately fifty millions of dollars from the United States mails.

The superstition that it is unlucky to pass beneath a ladder comes from the time when wrongdoers were often hanged from ladders propped against a wall where trees were not handy.

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ORANGES	per dozen	35c
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JOE BAILEY WILL HOLD AN ALL-DAY MEETING

On February 22nd the Joe Bailey Community Club will meet at the school house at ten o'clock. The main program for the day will be the elimination contests, to see who will be representatives for the school in the various departments at the Interscholastic League meet in Decatur, to be held March 25th and 26. Everyone is invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

At seven-thirty p. m. a four act play entitled "Little Miss Jack," will be given by members of the club. The cast of characters is as follows: [illegible]

Type: Prose.

Place: New York City.

An admission of fifteen cents to school children and twenty-five cents for grown people will be charged.

Germany as a Cotton Banker.

[illegible] Germany has a record of coming back. It covers a period of four hundred years. Washington advices tell the story. Establishment of a new high record for monthly cotton reports, the displacement of the United Kingdom by Germany as the leading importer of American cotton, and the largest domestic consumption since last March is shown in the December cotton figures of the census bureau.

Exports to Germany in December were larger than to any other country with a total of 443,292 bales. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland total 393,113 bales. For the first five month of the cotton year Germany's imports of American cotton have totalled 1,530,296 bales, while the United Kingdom has taken 1,400,453 bales.

[illegible]

There was a bumper crop of eighteen million bales in the American cotton patch in 1926. [illegible]

But back to the original story, if Germany is not scoring a rapid come back then the cotton sales figures lie. She has distanced Great Britain as a buyer of American cotton for the first five months of the cotton year, and it is certain that the figures will be interesting at the close of the cotton year the coming July.—Wichita Falls Record News.

A great head of water still flows from the rock wall of the Lady Ain Sinai, Arabia. This is the spot where Moses struck water from the rock and when the twelve spies were sent into Canaan.

Navy department saved a hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars last year by using old rags, rather than cotton waste, in polishing machinery.

Portland cement is so called because it resembles a kind of stone on the Isle of Portland, in England.

Twenty Years Ago

Messenger, February 8, 1907.

A fine girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rieger Monday night.

W. E. Terrell is in eastern markets buying for Lillard's Mississippi Store.

Miss May Mobley entertained at her home on South State street Saturday evening.

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Miss Ruby Moss from Louisiana arrived in the city Sunday on a several days' visit to her brother, D. J. Moss and wife.

Health Officer L. H. Reeves went to Chico Wednesday [illegible]

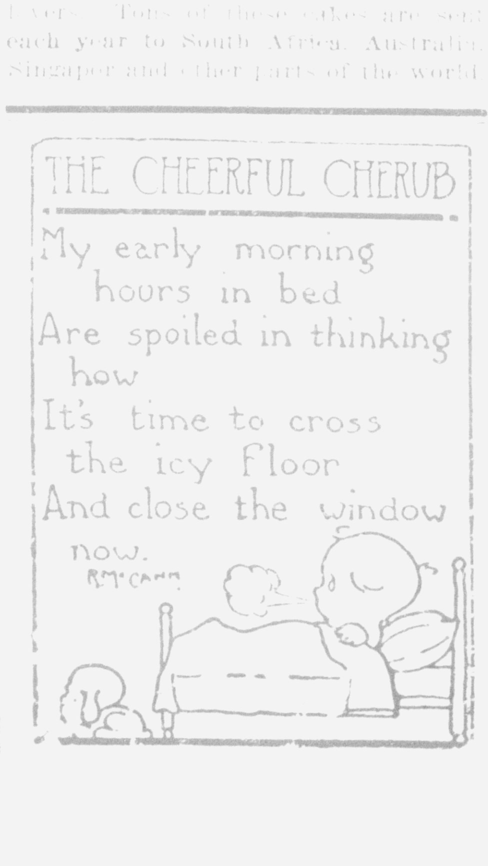
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A new brass band for Decatur! Instruments have arrived, and members have met two or three times. If they will all attend regularly they will be in fine shape for engagements at our summer picnics.

Jack Moss says he weighed his baby girl Tuesday night, and she weighed eleven pounds, a gain of three pounds in only six days. And Jack says she was fed on nothing but the natural old style "infant's food" either. [illegible]

[illegible]

Cakes, baked by London bakers with special messages on the icing, are frequently used to patch up quarrels of lovers. Tons of these cakes are sent each year to South Africa, Australia, Singapore and other parts of the world.



SOCIETY

MISS ALMA WILKERSON, Reporter Both Phones

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following since our last issue: Bruce M. Oller and Miss Gladys Brown. [illegible]

W. M. S. Committee Appointed

[illegible]

Announcements.

[illegible]

Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian church will meet Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Carrie Wallace in a social gathering.

Musicians Club will have a colonial tea Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam Hill on South Lang street.

O. F. F. Club will meet this Friday evening at six o'clock at the home of Miss Mildred Dillehay.

Mmes. A. B. Van Meter and J. E. Douglas will be hostesses to the Missionary Study Class on next Monday, February 13th, at three o'clock p. m. [illegible]

Y. L. M. S. Met Monday Eve.

[illegible] at the home of Mrs. L. W. Tyler.

Misses Mary McCarter, Marie Ferguson, Hanna Marie Renshaw and Hazel Hoyl brought interesting parts on the missionary program.

A lovely salad course was served to the following: Misses Mary McCarter, Ruth Hoyl, Marie Ferguson, Jennie Lee McCarter, Alma Sims, Margaret Boyd, Hanna Marie Renshaw, Maye Moorley, Jamie Ruth McCarter, Alice Frances Kerr, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Beatrice Caraway, Jon Stone, Frances Collins, Jessie Lee Stone and three visitors, Mmes. W. A. Helm, Gordon Renshaw and T. J. McMurray.

Owl Club Entertains.

Owl Club entertained Wednesday evening with a Valentine party at the club house on East Walnut street. [illegible]

Mrs. Tyler Entertains Y. L. M. S.

[illegible]

Christian W. M. S. Met Monday.

[illegible]

Although only forty-seven years old, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, only reigning woman sovereign in Europe, bids fair to enjoy one of the longest reigns in history. She became a ruling queen at the age of ten.

The city of New York has brought suit to recover damages from the owner of a truck which ran into a tree on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx, thus rendering the tree "unfit to exist."

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Bethel M. E. Church.

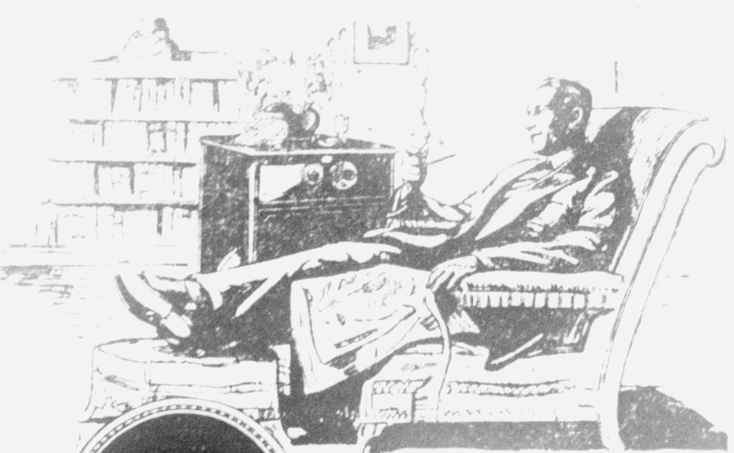
Why not worship with us Sunday? Subject: "Why the Church That Is Anti-Missionary Will Die." The money invested in one modern battleship would support a hundred [illegible] ten years.—O. D. Gee.

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Wool and Mohair Men Are to Meet in Decatur

Annual meeting of the North Texas Wool & Mohair Association will be held in the chamber of commerce hall at two o'clock p. m. on Saturday, February 12th, to arrange sale dates, purchase of sacks and contract clips. All members and others who are interested are urged to be present.

See Mae Murray in 'Valencia' tonite.



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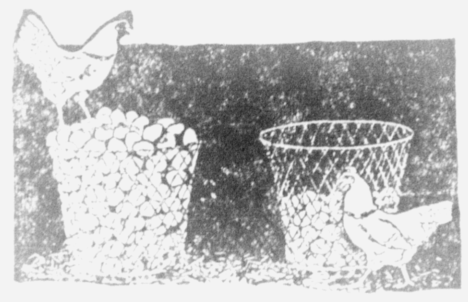
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Friday Morning, February 11, 1927

All reports indicate that the far-flung battle line is wavering.

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The spring plowing can now be prosecuted. Ty Cobb has signed up.

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Judging by reports coming out of Austin, salaries of some law makers are high enough.

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Travis county foots the bill for the Norris trial, and reports say Travis claims it was not worth the price.

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There are too many vacant thousand dollar lots in this town that are valued on the tax rolls at fifty simoleons.

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Those legislators who were caught accepting a bribe come now and say they were the victims of a frame up.

■

Caligula spent for one supper four hundred thousand dollars. But that was before Volstead trimmed the menu to solids.

■

That newspaper that is hundreds of dollars behind with its taxes should hide its face when prating about civic improvements and the parade of the progress [illegible].

■

An Illinois man is in a hospital [illegible] an operation to recover a diamond ring valued at two thousand dollars he swallowed when [illegible] burglars were in the house.

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A Collin county farmer is the owner of a Poland China sow which farrowed twenty pigs. We'll wager money, marbles or chalk that farmer hasn't a car to his name.

■

Girls in this day and time are showing more on the streets than we paid to see at free-and-easy theater about twenty-five years ago, remarks an old critic in one of our daily papers.

■

Ex-Governor P. M. Neff has landed a good and soft job with the federal government. Pat has been appointed to a place on some sort of a commission in Washington. He will draw down ten thousand dollars [illegible].

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A Gotham judge says [illegible] and contrary [illegible] a criminal [illegible] against [illegible] for a [illegible] gang [illegible].

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[illegible]

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Something like six thousand dollars are due the city in delinquent taxes. In the list are property owners who owe as much as seven hundred dollars. Two, it is said, are behind some twelve or fifteen hundred each. Then wonder why the Sublime Old Burg is unable to meet its obligations to the bond holders with clock work regularity?

■

Dr. J. Frank Norris came out in a statement saying that there would be peace, sweet peace, in Fort Worth when a house cleaning was made in the city's official family. From all reports the troublesome divine doctor is not going to be quiet and orderly until the fellows who are punching him are removed from the city [illegible].

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Theft of one Baptist church, value $45, was the charge under which two negroes, one the pastor and the other a deacon, were arrested at Dallas. Following a free-for-all fight in the church the pastor took a hammer and tore down the building while the deacon stood guard with a gun to prevent protesting members from interfering.

■

It is high time some steps were taken to corral the delinquent taxes of the Sublime Old Burg. Information comes to the Messenger that between five and six thousand dollars is due the tax till. A number of our self-styled prominent citizens are years behind. Prominent citizens ought to crack down like us little fellows, [illegible] peace to us.

■

A negro old lobbyist trapped two perfectly good legislators the other night and now there is serious talk of expelling the gentlemen from the august body. The palpitating public would rise and propound the question: "Are the members to be expelled for being caught or are they to be driven from power and affluence for accepting a bribe?"

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Yoshihito, emperor of Japan and revered as a direct descendant of the Japanese sun goddess, has been deposited in the tomb and to stage the [illegible] in style and in line with customs [illegible].

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[illegible]

Eleven Cent Cotton and Forty Cent Meat.

Eleven cent cotton and forty cent meat
How in the world can a poor man eat?
Flour up high, cotton down low—
How in the world can we raise the dough?
Our clothes worn out, shoes run down;
Old slouch hat with a hole in the crown;
Back's nearly broken, fingers all sore;
Cotton going down to rise no more.

Eleven cent cotton and ten dollar pants;
Who in the world has got a chance?
We can't buy clothes—we can't buy meat;
Got too much cotton and nothing to eat.
We've got no homes, got no wealth;
Losing our credit, ruining our health;
Can't help each other. What shall we do?
I can't solve the problem, so it's up to you.

Eleven cent cotton and a carload of tax;
The load's too heavy for our poor backs.
We're a good set of farmers, we all know well,
But there's something wrong as sure as—well,
We all worked hard, we groaned and sweat;
Now we are ruined, we're a blowed up set.
No use talking, any man's beat
With eleven cent cotton and forty cent meat.—Mrs. S. C. Ford.

The Problem Solved.

When cotton's low and eats are high
It appears to me that to diversify
Would be a sane and easy way
To bring about a better day.
With butter at fifty cents a pound
And cream at forty the whole year round;
With turkeys high and going higher,
Is enough to kindle a great desire
To raise more birds and little less [illegible]
In a land where opportunities dwell.

If we'd give more time to the dairy cow
And a better feed to the old brood sow
We'd not worry about the price of meat,
For we'd have plenty ourselves to eat.
With fifty cent eggs and a six-bit hen,
Why, oh why, will the children of men
Ruin their fingers and break their backs
Picking eleven cent cotton and dragging sacks?

With corn in the crib and chickens in the yard,
With meat in the smoke house and tubs of lard;
With cream in the pitcher and honey in the mug,
With butter on the table and 'lasses in the jug.
Things to you won't seem so high,
For you'll be selling, won't have to buy.

Now stop that grumbling, for the fault's your own,
You expect to reap where you haven't sown.
[illegible] stay at home and help yourself
[illegible] then you won't be [illegible]
You will live in Paradise
[illegible] —W. E. [illegible]

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Too Many Generals.

[illegible] Mr. Mason has [illegible] the greaters across the [illegible] Wise County Messenger [illegible] when we were a big [illegible] county [illegible] we are not now because we've moved to town we joined the army. In the Battle of Flowers celebration at San Antonio we noticed [illegible]

■

The Onward March of Civilization.

Two Texas mobs lynched two persons charged with the commission of crime. This in sections of the state where civilization sprouted long before the coming of the civil war. It is the duty of the chronicler of incidents of the times to place in the record this evidence of the forward march of civilization under Lone Star skies. Jungle law is the law of barbarism. Court house justice is the law of the enlightened civilization of a people who bow to the majesty of the law and ever respect it.—Wichita Falls Record-News.

■

Testimony.

Evidently someone did some false testifying in the Norris case. We are not saying who it was, but eye witnesses failed to see the tragedy the same way.—Savoy Star.

Whenever an important case is tried it seems there is perjured testimony. One witness will swear a certain thing is true; another will swear just the opposite. However, the eye is probably the easiest of human organs to fool, and it may be that two persons may see a thing in different light and be honest about it. This is often demonstrated in telling the number of shots fired. One says there were four, for instance, while another person is positive there were five. The jury has a hard time, as it must separate the true from the false, and while witnesses may honestly tell different stories, it is not hard to believe some witnesses are lying and that they know they are telling an untruth.—Denton Weekly Herald.

If princely patriots and creditable witnesses like Matthew, Mark, Luke and John differed in giving testimony about a most "important case," pray tell the Messenger why be surprised in this day and time when ordinary mortals get crossed up in relating what they positively behold. Testifying about the crucifixion of the Man of Galilee, St. Mark said: "And the superscription of His accusation was written over, The King of the Jews." St. Luke said: "And a superscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew, This is the King of the Jews." St. John reporting the same tragedy, said: "And the writing was, Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews." St. Matthew went on record, stating: "And set up over His head His accusation written, This is Jesus the King of the Jews."

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Altho he was deprived of books and pen while incarcerated in an Italian prison, Ceasare Cantu, the historian, passed the time by writing with a tooth-pick and candle smoke on the back of a map and on scraps of paper. The resulting book, Margherita Pusterla, with one exception, is regarded as the most popular historical novel in the Italian language.

"You hear the newspaper derided; such exppressions as "I don't believe anything I see in a newspaper" and "That's just newspaper bunk"—but the truth is that most that you believe about current affairs comes out of the newspapers; they are sources that supply all you know about what is taking place in the world, in the nation, in your state and in your city. Unconsciously, your opinions are the reflections from published news, and the newspapers are distributors of perhaps ninety per cent of information of events you gain."—W. W. Ball.

■

Japanese have forbidden the ancient Korean custom of carving a design on the neck of a girl who has jilted her lover.

Justice still holds the scales, but seems to have thrown away her sword.

Actresses can appear at only two theaters in Tokio, Japan.

PREVENTS INFECTION

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Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys
Foster-Milburn Co. [illegible] Buffalo, N.Y.

Many Changes in Decatur and Wise County Since Town Was Established in Year 1857

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of soil protecting devices such as a modern land terrace to substitute for nature's specially contrived soil protecting agencies, such as brush and leaves and mats of dead grass that he cleared away and burned up as preliminary to his frenzy to the growing of cotton in the then deep, rich pristine soil—soil that so far had never been "disturbed" by the hand of man.

Out of the rich volume of ages old humus and rotted vegetation that nature had buried beneath the skim of the land the cotton farmer erected his cotton growing empire. It was no feat in Wise county in those days to grow a bale to the acre on the best land, and fifty to seventy-five bushels of corn per acre, without extra effort and no need of the suppliance of extra fertility to the soil. And then roughly for twenty-five ruthless years the country paradoxically traveled in two diametrically opposite directions; it went forward and it went backward. The fruit of the original fertility was soigned into cotton bales, cotton money into school houses, churches, homes, roads and towns such as the country now possesses, the advancement and civilization such as we yet enjoy—and yet at the same time the land that grew the cotton was being impoverished of its original elements; the bared, cleared fields exposed to the erosion of floods, the original rich humus both burnt up and farmed out. We went both backward and forward.

But there came another time. There came a time when another regime was ushered in. The present and latest and all-around best and most hopeful regime is that of the diversification farmer, the man who has ended the history long struggle with the one crop mania of cotton growing and has decided to become what the Lord evolved that the ideal farmer should be—complete master of the many related but varied departments of the all sided profession of farm husbandry man.

This new regime is synonymous with the exertion of scientific and business influence on farming as impressed [illegible] deriving most opportunely from the sphere of the American agricultural colleges. In our case, from the Texas A. & M. College [illegible] directly.

[illegible] kind of science as motivated by the A. & M. College has come in to [illegible] greater empire on a ruin; and [illegible] and is and will be done. Men are being taught to gather together the wrecks of the former destructive regime and build a more wonderful structure than ever before existed. Science of this new era has come to rescue and restore the worn soils by terracing, to substitute legumes for the dead leaves, brush and grass of the old pristine humus, has brought out artificial plant foods that may be applied on an economical basis, has [illegible] new modes of culture, has created new varieties and more viable seeds, has beshot the whole agricultural realm with a new spirit and practice adequate to and suiting of all modern requirements.

Modern commerce, too, has supplied a yawning deficiency of the olden time. It has builded large cities within available marketing [illegible] and created a hungry demand for the product [illegible] of the farm.

[illegible] transition from the cotton [illegible] period, predating and following the civil war for a few years, to the beginning of the agricultural establishment co-incidental with the years of the early seventies came about very naturally and spontaneously. The movement required [illegible] whatever other than the advertising of the rich opportunities here available [illegible] the cotton grower [illegible] aged in the promotion and sale of [illegible] The lure of virgin richness in the land was sufficient [illegible] following [illegible] moved forward [illegible] the cream of fertility [illegible]

another of the scenes of the drama of settlement as this has taken place from stage to stage, frontier to frontier, all the way across the continent from the eastern seaboard.

Men who came were true sons of the soil; stalwart, morally adequate and versed in the manual art of growing the rudimentary main crops but almost wholly wanting from the technical or scientific point of view. Neither were they inspired with a generous, liberal view of the vast panoramic field of the profession of agriculture. As respects the latter day developments of agricultural science they lived in a prehistoric age, for which reason they are not to be held accountable for the destructive ills following in the wake of their inadequate, inefficient methods.

But the change from the last to the present stage has been rendered far more difficult. Bodily strength and the common powers of the reason as faculties of the mind and body were all that were necessary to attaining economical success thru the period when the soil was naturally fertile and quickly responsive to the touch of the plow. But under the emergency that was created by the inheritance of evils and handicaps of the former wasteful time and methods the picture is entirely reversed and more somber demands on the human faculties are made apparent.

Within the large view it will not do any more to guide agricultural ways wholly by the wrote of out worn tradition; it will no longer suffice. In sooth it is childish folly to trust to the present sufficiency of the producing soil, unaided and unfortified by the conscious suppliance of natural or artificial elements under the guidance of modern science. The mental horizon of the highly successful farm manager must, in these more exacting days, stretch far abroad in order to apprehend the related ramifications of the vast subjects of production and of marketing.

In these latter days, when the universal emphasis is on the acquisition of skill, education and training in every conceivable calling and profession known to human kind, the farmer who does not also go to school is foolhardy, not altogether literally within the walls of a college or an academy, but at best within the sphere of his powers and own contrivance.

Unavoidable need of learning and stretching the mind of comprehension, the enforced necessity of readjustment of fixed habits and ways of thinking and doing to the inexorable requirements of a changed day, the the obligations faced by the farmer of today who would succeed in biggest sense. It is not an easy task to subject mature minds to the processes and the nagging tasks of education, but inasmuch as this has become the indispensible essential of the change that has taken place the stubborn difficulty of perfecting the transition is made glaringly apparent.

The change can not be made [illegible]. Initiative must be supplied by the perspicuity. Intelligent generalship must be [illegible] in the creation of organization and engendering of hospitable susceptible sentiment. A large task of accomplishment, [illegible] practical in its nature, but potential of the realization of hitherto unexperienced scale of prosperity, confronts the mind that has the power to visualize the situation as it is and as it might and can be.

The last two census takings proved conclusively that the old period of pioneering agriculture in Wise county had come to its end. The [illegible] cotton farmers had finished their task of [illegible] the soil fertility of the country and following the [illegible] of their fathers [illegible] had trooped on to fresher lands [illegible]

waves as pawns of that furiously destroying one line industry of the south, and by men whose entire breadth of agricultural knowledge and experience was confined within the narrowing limits and lore of that single enterprise in the county.

And then, nearly coincidental with the date of the last census and its revelations of loss of population and resultant loss of commercial and trade equivalents, came the only and most lasting form of organization the county has ever experienced, whose purpose was to direct its influence on public affairs and endeavor to make them better. Decatur chamber of commerce was that organization. It has had to bear the contumely of those who do not welcome change, even when the change is for the better and for the prosperity of the most. There is no omniscience in the chamber of commerce; it has had to develop and grow and increase in wisdom and experience along with the rest of the country. Always the organization has been manned by home men "dyed in the wool" Wise county citizens and the only advantage it has possessed and the only license to leadership it has ever enjoyed is the fact that it has tried to gather and concentrate opinion compactly pledged to the principle that in the union of opinion there is strength and wisdom in the degree that either are attainable.

Let us be frankly honest with ourselves. The fate of every farmer, business man, banker, store clerk, office holder, farm hand—every man, woman and child, whatever their calling and wherever they reside, if their places of residence are in this Wise county are indissolubly bound up with the fate of the farm interests of the county. In the degree that each and all respond to the new demand of education of the times are willing to drop old and hurtful prejudices to give place to the new impressions and knowledge that creates wealth, abandon that which is worthless to the past and grasp that which is pertinent to the needs of the future, in that degree will the community ascend to the harvest and realization of the high economical blessings so easily available to spirit and acts properly directed.

On the very spot where Bishop's [illegible] pole of patriotism dissected the upper strata of atmosphere now stands a modern architectural pile of enviable beauty. An engineer has said that he could view it, thru good glasses, as it sits in its lofty place from the hills of Palo Pinto county, sixty miles distant. Wolves do not howl at it today and twenty five thousand people who call it home of justice do not need to have it explained what it means. It, however, is a monument to an era that has passed and that we may do well to dismiss rapidly from our minds; for it and the towns and roads, the churches, the school houses, together with all other practical structures we enjoy today were skimmed from the once fertile cream of our farms.

Farms have paid the price, bought the goods of our civilization tho inextricably they still bind our destinies and beacon to us with mute appeal for their restoration. In seven decades, the life of but a single generation, there has been worn out and cast aside the farms that divine economy intended for the succoring of men thru all time. Yet we have been bequeathed the equally divine rule for their generation and the avidity with which we accept and apply the rule will measure the stride and reach of our progress thru the days to come.

Clean - Up for Decatur to Be Conducted Soon

Decatur folks are beginning to suggest that the town organize for the most thoro clean-up campaign that the community has yet held, the occasion to come off sometime during March. Not only is it argued that civic appearances demand the crusade but that health interest makes it imperatively necessary. Decatur is admittedly in a disorderly condition and subject to such improvement as should bring a smile of satisfaction to every countenance.

When the occasion is declared the people will then owe the movement unalloyed allegiance and unstinted cooperation to the end that our vital interests may be well cared for.

EAGLE GUNN TO PILOT JUNIOR WORLD SERIES

Announcement was made in Austin recently that J. C. C. "Eagle" Gunn will manage and arrange games for all Texas teams that wish to enter into competition for the junior world series baseball title during the coming season. Gunn now holds a position as departmental athletic director for the Texas department of American Legion and has included this work among juvenile ball players of the state in his duties.

Teams entering the race over the state will be divided into districts and divisions, winners in district games proceeding to division competiton, and the final winner of all divisions being eligible to enter the national tournament, to be held during the summer. These teams are open to boys under sixteen years of age and are all under the supervision of American Legion.

Last year a team from Kansas won the title, playing in Sioux City, Iowa, while Decatur team was second.

"Too Much Money" Is Feature at the Majestic

A school of speckled trout were procured by First National for one of the scenes in "Too Much Money," which is scheduled to appear at the Majestic theater next Monday night—Valentine eve, with Lewis Stone and Anna Q. Nilsson in the featured roles.

The trout were used in a pool during the filming of a pajama breakfast party scene, in which the guests had to catch trout in order to have their breakfast.

Under an Italian law a marriage ceremony must take place in a city or town where either the bride or the green resides.

$2.00 Payment Made on School Apportionment

A two dollar payment on the state per capita school apportionment was made last Friday, February 4th, it has been announced by S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction for Texas.

Approximately $2,700,000 was sent to the schools, it was announced.

Boys in a school room equipped with special window-panes which admitted ultra-violet rays were found, after a month's experiment, to have gained three pounds in weight and one-half inch in height in comparison with boys in rooms where uultra-violet rays were excluded.

Contrary to popular belief traffic on the Mississippi River has doubled in volume in the past forty years.

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PLAY GROUND-VOLLEY BALL SCHEDULE GIVEN

Following is a schedule of contests in the Interscholastic League in volley ball and play ground ball for boys and girls.

In volley ball the county has been divided into two districts, district A consisting of Decatur, Slidell, Boyd and Joe Bailey of district B consisting of Alvord, Bridgeport, Greenwood and Chico.

In the play ground ball the county is divided into four districts, district A consisting of Decatur, Boyd, Joe Bailey and Slidell; district B consisting of Alvord, Bridgeport, Greenwood and Chico; district C consisting of Paradise, Rhome, Newark and Boyd; district D consisting of Chico, Decatur, Joe Bailey, Slidell and Bridgeport.

Volley Ball.

February 16th—Decatur at Boyd; Joe Bailey at Slidell; Alvord at Bridgeport; Greenwood at Chico.

February 17th—Bridgeport at Alvord; Slidell at Boyd; Joe Bailey at Decatur; Chico at Paradise; Newark at Rhome.

March 1st—Boyd at Slidell; Joe Bailey at Decatur; Chico at Paradise; Alvord at Bridgeport.

March 2nd—Bridgeport at Alvord; Slidell at Boyd; Joe Bailey at Decatur; Chico at Paradise; Rhome at Joe Bailey.

March 8th—Boyd at Joe Bailey; Slidell at Decatur; Chico at Paradise; Alvord at Bridgeport.

March 9th—Slidell at Joe Bailey; Boyd at Decatur; Alvord at Bridgeport.

Boys' Play Ground Ball.

February 16th—Decatur at Boyd; Slidell at Alvord; Joe Bailey at Bridgeport.

February 17th—Greenwood at Boyd; Joe Bailey at Alvord; Bridgeport at Alvord.

February 23rd—Decatur at Bridgeport; Slidell at Greenwood; Boyd at Joe Bailey.

March 3rd—Slidell at Boyd; Bridgeport at Alvord; Decatur at Greenwood; Boyd at Joe Bailey.

March 9th—Alvord at Bridgeport; Greenwood at Boyd; Slidell at Joe Bailey.

March 10th—Slidell at Joe Bailey; Boyd at Slidell; Alvord at Bridgeport; Decatur at Bridgeport.

March 15th—Joe Bailey at Slidell; Boyd at Joe Bailey; Alvord at Bridgeport; Greenwood at Alvord; Decatur at Boyd.

March 16th—Slidell at Joe Bailey; Greenwood at Boyd; Decatur at Bridgeport; Alvord at Bridgeport.

Girls' Play Ground Ball.

February 16th—Decatur at Boyd; Slidell at Joe Bailey; Alvord at Bridgeport; Greenwood at Chico.

February 17th—Bridgeport at Alvord; Boyd at Slidell; Joe Bailey at Decatur; Chico at Paradise; Rhome at Joe Bailey.

March 1st—Alvord at Bridgeport; Greenwood at Slidell; Joe Bailey at Boyd.

March 2nd—Boyd at Joe Bailey; Slidell at Greenwood; Bridgeport at Alvord.

March 8th—Slidell at Joe Bailey; Greenwood at Boyd; Decatur at Bridgeport; Alvord at Bridgeport.

March 9th—Joe Bailey at Slidell; Boyd at Decatur; Alvord at Bridgeport; Chico at Paradise; Rhome at Joe Bailey.

News for the Law.

Judge Pippen's court has rendered a service to Texas that is astonishing that even a brief declaration of the pedestrian of the law will do. A few long sentences in the act in Fort Worth a few years ago stopped short an unprecedented carnival of crimes of violence. The power of the law has been under heavy attack in Texas of late. A few more blows like those in Judge Pippen's court strike at behalf of the law, serving to eliminate the criminal mind of the idea that it can be violated with practical impunity as needed.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Celebrated artists of forty nations who have received their training in Paris and who wish to recognize their intellectual debt to France are planning a sale of their works, proceeds to be turned over to the "save the franc" fund.

France prohibits the exporting of potatoes.

Miss Alma Sims, Home Demonstrator for Wise County, Gives Points in Home Work

There are over one hundred girls in this county enrolled in garden clubs. In order to meet the standard requirements each member is required to have a one-twentieth acre plot planted in vegetables or in vegetables and fruits, according to the club year. These club girls are beginning their work early, and this year we hope to have some garden reports ready to tell one of. Nelle Parrish, green in last week's Messenger. Following are a few hints given to the girl in the county in the community club meetings.

A half acre home vegetable garden is equal to items of food and a family of five persons can be supplied with fresh vegetables the entire year. Why not cut the cost of living and have more vegetables? A vegetable garden will help solve the problem of high cost of living.

Don't put off planting your garden. Don't say you haven't time to plant it. Don't say you haven't time to keep it clean. Don't say you haven't time to gather the vegetables. A vegetable garden will help solve the problem of high cost of living.

Check Your Efficiency.

Ask yourself these questions and check up on efficiency.

1. Do I like my work or do I dislike it?
2. Is my work done correctly or am I careless?
3. Do I take interest in my work?
4. Do I plan my work so as to save time and steps?
5. Do I keep my mind on my work?
6. Am I systematic?
7. Am I courteous?
8. Am I neat in appearance?
9. Am I thrifty?
10. Am I dependable?

What About Kitchen Equipment?

Do you have a place for everything and everything in its place? Is your kitchen convenient? Are the things you use most often the handiest? Are the tops of the cupboards and tables free from clutter? Are the floors clean? Is the kitchen well lighted?

There are many books in the Public Library described and pictured. Ample space, light, ventilation, convenient arrangement of equipment, and cleanliness are necessary.

Do you have a garden? If not, why not? Are you going to can some of the vegetables you raise? Are you going to can some of the fruit you raise? Are you going to can some of the fruit you buy? Are you going to can some of the vegetables you buy? Are you going to can some of the meat you buy? Are you going to can some of the meat you raise? Are you going to can some of the fish you catch? Are you going to can some of the game you kill? Are you going to can some of the poultry you raise? Are you going to can some of the eggs you buy? Are you going to can some of the eggs you raise? Are you going to can some of the milk you buy? Are you going to can some of the milk you raise? Are you going to can some of the cream you buy? Are you going to can some of the cream you raise? Are you going to can some of the butter you buy? Are you going to can some of the butter you raise? Are you going to can some of the cheese you buy? Are you going to can some of the cheese you raise? 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May Murray Is Star in "Valencia" at Majestic

Mae Murray is first starred in [illegible] Valencia" at the Majestic [illegible] the part of Rosita [illegible] Mae Murray [illegible] "The Merry Widow" [illegible] "The Masked Bride" [illegible] other successes. This screen [illegible] is here [illegible] Mae Murray [illegible] Strange Interlude" [illegible] been [illegible] Mae Murray [illegible] Gertrude Mayer [illegible]

Lloyd Hughes plays the [illegible] role and the cast includes Roy D'Arcy, Max Barwyn, Robert Anderson [illegible] well known screen artists.

The Majestic is showing [illegible] offers from motorists [illegible] placed that it has in the [illegible] corridor.

There are many books in the Public Library described and pictured. Ample space, light, ventilation, convenient arrangement of equipment, and cleanliness are necessary.

Do you have a garden? If not, why not? Are you going to can some of the vegetables you raise? Are you going to can some of the fruit you raise? Are you going to can some of the fruit you buy? Are you going to can some of the vegetables you buy? Are you going to can some of the meat you buy? Are you going to can some of the meat you raise? Are you going to can some of the fish you catch? Are you going to can some of the game you kill? Are you going to can some of the poultry you raise? Are you going to can some of the eggs you buy? Are you going to can some of the eggs you raise? Are you going to can some of the milk you buy? Are you going to can some of the milk you raise? Are you going to can some of the cream you buy? Are you going to can some of the cream you raise? Are you going to can some of the butter you buy? Are you going to can some of the butter you raise? Are you going to can some of the cheese you buy? Are you going to can some of the cheese you raise? 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BRUMLOW NEWS

Mrs. Venta Peoples is on the sick list this week.

Miss Gertie Stockton is on the sick list this week.

Miss Vivian Murphy spent Sunday with Miss Nina England.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Moore of Alma, Oklahoma, are visiting here.

Mrs. F. J. England visited her sister, Mrs. [illegible] Stockton, Monday.

Miss Vivian Murphy spent Saturday evening with Miss Zora Stockton.

Mrs. Maggie Henson of Vera, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Austin.

Miss Maurine Martin spent Wednesday night with Miss Maggie Hillen.

Miss Maurine Martin spent Saturday night with Miss Ellen Williamson.

Mrs. J. S. Atkerson has moved from Decatur back to her home in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vandiver of Decatur, visited A. L. Vandiver and family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Atkerson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ode Stockton and family.

Mrs. O. L. Vandiver and children visited her sister, Mrs. Wells Mote, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore and baby of Alma, Oklahoma, have been visiting Mrs. R. A. Rogers and other relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hillen are in Dallas at the bed-side of their daughter, Miss Frances, who has recently undergone an operation.

Misses Ellen Williamson and Maurine Martin, Messrs. Irby Lisle and Tom Grant attended the picture show in Decatur Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. S. Martin spent the [illegible] end in Wichita Falls visiting friends and relatives, and attending a [illegible] short course which was being held in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Peoples and little daughter, Miss Billy Jean, of Wichita Falls, have moved in this community and will make it their home for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Casey entertained Sunday guests at their home in this community. Dinner was served to [illegible] present, and kodaking was enjoyed in the afternoon. Those who were present were: Misses Gladys [illegible] Maurine Martin, Ruth Vandiver, [illegible] Williamson and Mildred [illegible]; Messrs. Tom Grant, Hubert [illegible] Lisle, Lewis Pounds [illegible] and hostess.

BOYD NEWS

Our road commissioner has recently given our roads a good going-over and it doesn't take an airplane any more to get to our stills.

Our greatest asset is the hen berry industry. Quite a number of our citizens are getting into the poultry and [illegible] business on large scales.

[illegible] wealth of our community is fairly good, but our neighbor and friend, [illegible] H. Bradford, has a boy in school at Denton who, we learn, is very sick with relapse of pneumonia.

We have a fine season in mother earth, and our people have commenced their spring farming. Diversification is the theme, and our farmers are going heavy on truck, vegetables and [illegible] stuff of all kinds. A light crop [illegible] fleecy staple will be planted.

[illegible] B. McClung, state school inspector, and our county superintendent, Wallace Gregg visited the Boyd school recently and found about forty-five patrons taking an active part in the school work. We are glad to boast of our school and community spirit of public interest. We think we have as good as the best.

As an act of revenge a Belgian sowed mustard seeds in a neighbor's [illegible] plowed field. He was heavily fined and sentenced to fifteen days in prison.

Humming birds pass the winter in Central America.



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LONE MOUND NEWS

Berbert Burson spent Sunday with Elmer Hodges.

Felix Binion left for Archer City Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pettus visited Mrs. S. B. Spencer Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Perry Peyton visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Farrington.

Several from this community have been on the sick listt he last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Glass of Oklahoma, have moved to this community.

Mrs. E. B. Bowman is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Elrod of Decatur.

Mmes. Pearl Pettus, Beulah Peyton and Mollie Davis spent Monday with Mrs. F. M. Binion.

Mr. end Mrs. Awbrey Cearley spent one night light week with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cearley.

Mrs. Barton returned home Monday from Fort Worth, after spending a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Prince Claborn and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Claborn.

Messrs. Sterling Johnson and Desmond Walker made a business trip to Wichita Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stafford returned to Park Springs Sunday, where they will make their home.

Messrs. Grady Phillips and Clifton Thomas of New South, attended the B. Y. P. U. at Hopewell Sunday night.

Messrs. Willie Choat and J. P. Choat of Fort Worth, spent from Saturday to Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Claborn.

Messrs. Lena and Maggie Hodges spent a few days last week with their niece and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McQuerry of Decatur.

NEWARK NEWS

Clarence Wilson of [illegible] was here Sunday night.

Misses Blanche and Audrey Beasley of Fort Worth were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Lewis of Haslet spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis.

J. R. Hopson and Miss Vivian Gibbs were Fort Worth visitors on Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. A. B. Mathis and W. E. Cannon were Fort Worth visitors Saturday morning.

Miss Hallett Harrison of T. C. U. in Fort Worth, spent the week-end with Miss Mildred Van Zandt.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stephens of Dallas, visited Mrs. Stephens parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp Sunday.

Miss Martha Ann Van Zandt of C. I. A. at Denton, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Van Zandt.

The play, "The Road to the City," given by the Dramatic Club Saturday night for the benefit of the school, netted $29.80.

PARADISE NEWS

Mrs. Clifford Wallace of Albany, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stutt were shopping in Decatur Monday.

Farmers are getting behind with their farm work on account of so much rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levard of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with their parents here.

Mrs. Sinor has returned to her home in Fort Worth, after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Rev. M. J. Vaughan of Chico, filled his regular appointment here at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mrs. Alf Franks, who has been very low for the past few days, is reported at this writing to be a little better.

Quite a few of our young people attended the show, "The Lost World," at the Majestic in Decatur last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Read are leaving this week for West Texas. We wish them prosperity and happiness in their new home.

Mrs. Henry Golaz has returned to her home west of town, after spending a few days with her son, Carl Golaz, and family.

Mrs. Tom Standfield of Fort Worth, has returned home after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Henry Coffee, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stutz and little daughter, Billie, of Wichita Falls, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Combs.

There are quite a few cases of pneumonia around Paradise. Most of the patients are children, and we are glad to report that all are improving.

The barn on the John Combs place was destroyed by fire one night last week. Insurance was carried on the barn, but Mr. Patterson, who is living on the place, had about a hundred dollars worth of feed destroyed.

Habitual drunkards in Madrid [illegible] have their heads shaved every [illegible] weeks under penalty [illegible].

The salmon industry, which once flourished along the Rhine, is to be revived. A new international agreement has been entered into by adjacent countries along the river.

Scotsmen are accounting for the large number of golf balls lost on one of the courses at Berwick-on-Tweed by asserting that they are eaten by cattle grazing on the links.

Like Michigan is the only one of the Great Lakes lying wholly within the boundary of the United States.

A seventy-seven-year-old missionary in Formosa has undertaken the task of translating the Old Etestament into the Amoy dialect. He expects to finish the work in three years.

The inside of the stomach has been successfully photographed for the first time by a German doctor.

VALLEY VIEW NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Woolaver visited his parents Sunday.

Miss Gladys Robinson visited Miss Virgil Mae Waters Sunday.

M. J. Horton and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gill Sunday.

Miss Dale Garrison spent Sunday evening with Miss Leona Spain.

D. A. Shinn and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Porter Key Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Booker Lovejoy visited Mr. and Mrs. John Mattix Sunday.

Garland Horton spent last Saturday with Awbrey and John Clyde Mattix.

Miss Ella Fay Kendall of Crafton, spent the week-end with her parents here.

Miss Lucille Garrison visited Miss Mary Jane Brown in Bridgeport last Sunday.

Mrs. S. B. Green spent an enjoyable evening with Mrs. Mattie Horton on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brown of New Salem community, visited our school Wednesday.

M. J. Horton and family and W. A. Gill and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gill.

W. E. Lawrence and Miss Allie Kendall of Denton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Kendall here Sunday.

Charles Rawles and family spent Sunday with h sibrother, Tom Rawles, in the Lone Star community.

Dennis and Dempsey Key spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. B. M. Finley, in Joe Bailey community.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Herrington of Wichita Falls, visited friends and relatives in the vicinity last week-end.

Efforts are being made to celebrate Washington's birthday in our school. A program is to be worked up for the occasion.

Valley View school is progressing nicely. A play ground bat and ball have been purchased, and the students are having great times with them.

E. K. Cook has set out an orchard on his property in this community. Three acres in choice trees have been planted, and he is making arrangements to set out a vineyard.

Card of Thanks.

We take this means of thanking our dear friends and neighbors for their kindnesses during the illness and at the death of our dear husband and father, who tried to help us bear our sorrow with kind words and deeds. May each one of you find such friends when sorrow comes to you. May God's blessings be with each and every one of you is our prayer. Mrs. R. J. Teurman and Children.

To shoot a projectile to the moon it would be necessary for it to have a velocity of seven miles a second. The average big gun can give a speed of only about one one-hundredth of that rate.

C. of C. Banquet to Be Held at a Later Date

President Dodson, of the chamber of commerce, made the announcement before the Lion's Club meeting Wednesday, that the chamber of commerce banquet planned to be held in the Decatur College dining hall tonight had been postponed on account of much prevailing illness and difficulties presented by bad weather. The occasion will be held at a later date when it is hoped that more favorable general circumstances will make it possible to secure the desired large attendance.

Children in the remote sections of Northern Ontario, where there are no schools, are receiving instruction in railroad coaches. The cars, equipped with every facility including a small library, pay periodical visits to the remote sections, remaining at each from three to six days.

Edmond Hoyle, whose name is most freely linked with the words, "according to," died a hundred and fifty-seven years ago at the age of ninety-seven. His first "Short Treatise on the Game of Whist" had a title of no fewer than a hundred and twenty five words.

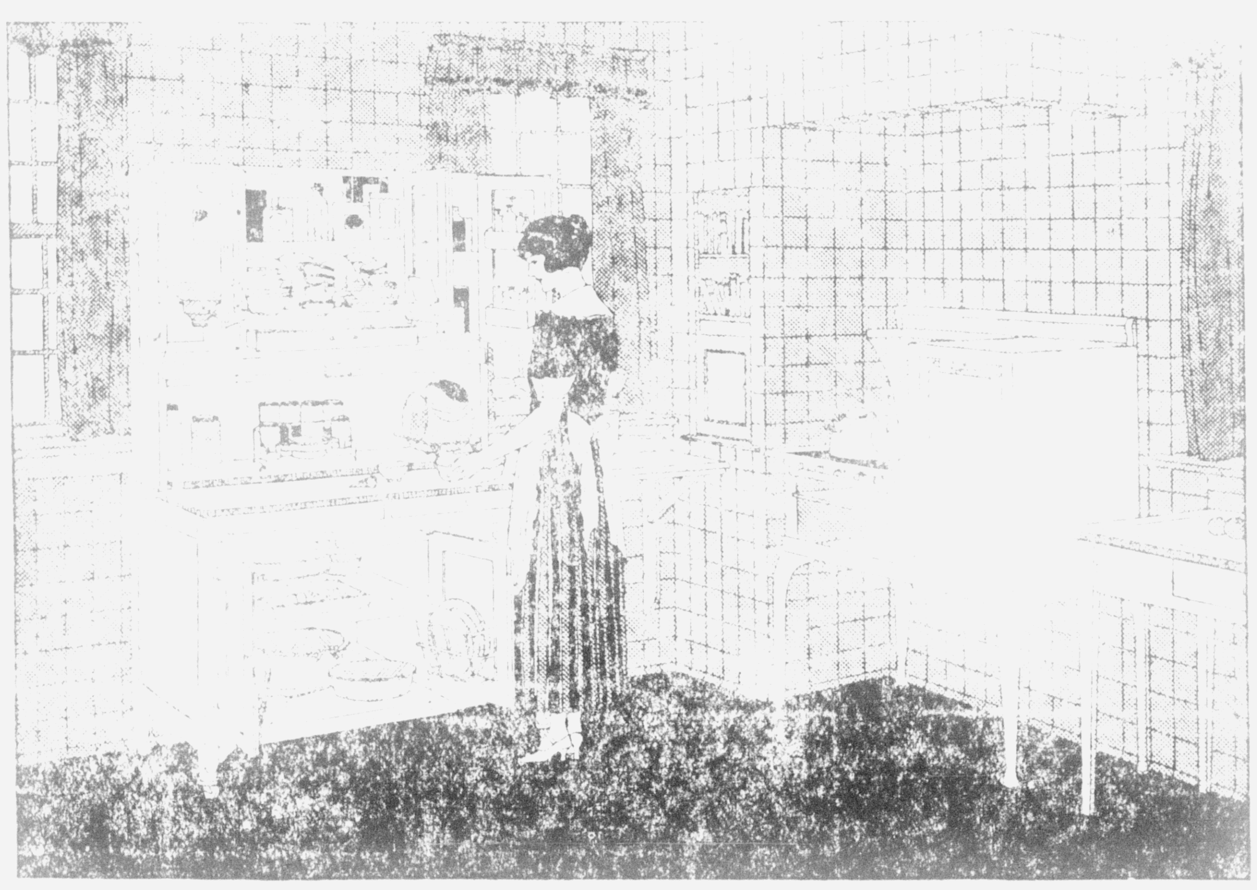
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Van Camps' PUMPKIN		lge. can	13c
KETCHUP	Made from red, ripe Tomatoes	Small Large	13c 21c
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SOUR PICKLES		3 for	10c
LOG CABIN SYRUP	1's 2 1-4ths		24c 49c
Aunt Jemima's or Pillsbury PANCAKE FLOUR		2 pkgs.	25c
Aunt Jemima's BUCKWHEAT FLOUR		pkg.	15c
GOLD DUST	Small, 2 for Large, 2 for		7c 25c
LUX	Brightens and Whitens Your Clothes	pkg.	10c
CREAM MEAL	5's 10's		15c 30c
PREMIER	Salad Dressing	Small Large	17c 38c
SWANSDOWN	CAKE FLOUR	pkg.	36c
IONA COCOA		2-lb. can	25c
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Searchlight MATCHES		[illegible] boxes	[illegible]

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Notes About Schools of Wise County

BY WALLACE GREGG, County Superintendent

Happenings of Interest and Activities Carried on by Institutions—Weekly Messenger Feature

Teachers [illegible] take the examinations on [illegible] 1st and 2nd must register [illegible] with this office by March [illegible].

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Fred [illegible] of the [illegible] school [illegible] in this studying home geography.

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Blewett school has the distinction of being the only rural school in the county equipped with electric lights. This convenience is made possible by the generous act of R. C. Morrison in furnishing current from his private lighting system.

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[illegible] medal contest [illegible] Friday night of this week. It is hoped that other schools will promote this contest and award the beautiful medal offered by the Illinois Watch Company.

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[illegible] state aid supervisor and the county superintendent enjoyed a most excellent short program at the Brumlow school on their visit there last week. Mrs. Davis and Mr. [illegible] are to be congratulated upon the fine spirit shown by the school. These progressive teachers are working to meet the requirements [illegible] state aid [illegible]

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[illegible] Parent-Teachers Association [illegible]

DISTRICT BASKET BALL MEET TO BE IN DENTON

The district interscholastic league [illegible] tournament which will decide the championship [illegible]

[illegible]

Winners of the district [illegible] will be awarded [illegible] cup [illegible]

Briar school grounds presented a very pleasing appearance [illegible] white washed [illegible] at the top of [illegible] Briar school last week.

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Misses [illegible] and Ruth Wright of the sixth grade in the Briar school wrote themes on the subject, How to Make the Briar School Better, and did such an excellent job of it that a code of ethics for pupils might be formulated therefrom. The code would be according to these themes as follows: First, obedience to teachers; second, care of school property; third, [illegible]; fourth, regularity of attendance; fifth, cooperation with other pupils and the teacher [illegible]

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Bridgeport Parent-Teachers Association secured for the school a moving picture machine which Superintendent H. H. Sampson considers one of the best things in the school. He [illegible] use of educational films and [illegible] developing in his students a [illegible] the better kind of pictures.

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[illegible] percentage of parents present at [illegible] Parent-Teachers Association meeting.

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Mrs. Amelia Thurmond of [illegible] school is planning a fine project in geography that involves the [illegible] in miniature of old Aurora as it was forty years ago, when it was the principal town in the south part of Wise county.

Notice by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise County, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year [illegible]

COTTONDALE NEWS

Ragan Brown was visiting home folks Sunday.

[illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Moorhead spent [illegible]

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Banks, on Saturday, January 29th, a seven pound daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ramsey and Mr. [illegible] of Paradise, Mrs. Robert Coffman of Bridgeport, Mrs. O. B. Moorhead, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] were the guests of [illegible] Sunday afternoon.

A memorial forest of ten thousand white pine seedlings is being planted along a New York state highway honoring Gene Stratton-Porter. This is the second such memorial in New York, the first having been planted in honor of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross.

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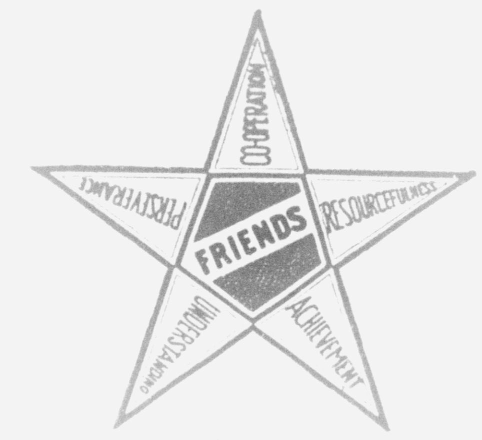
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